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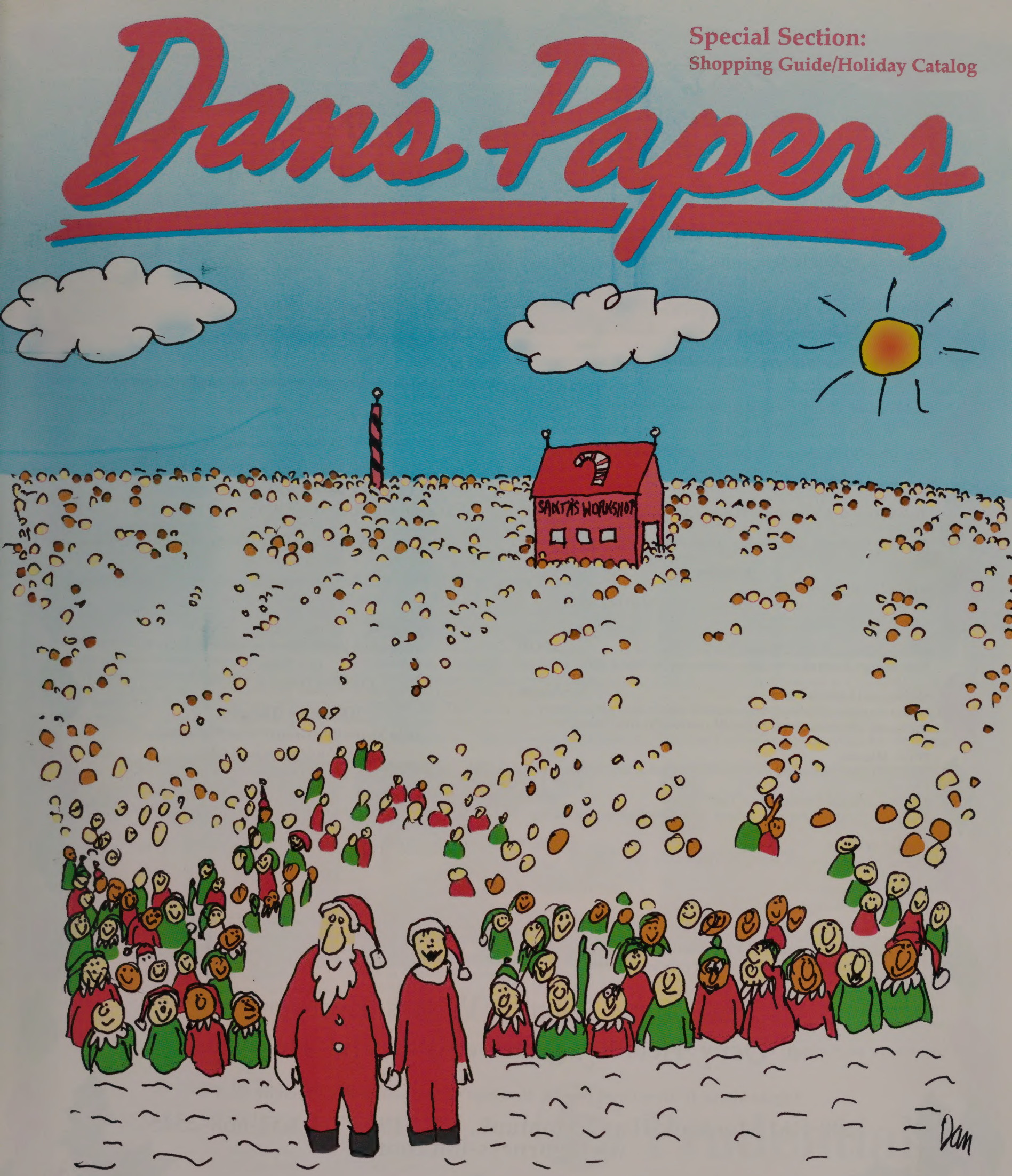

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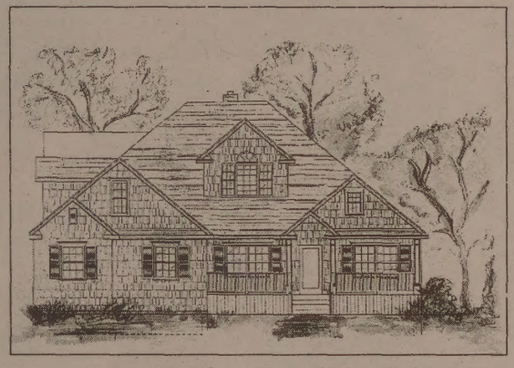

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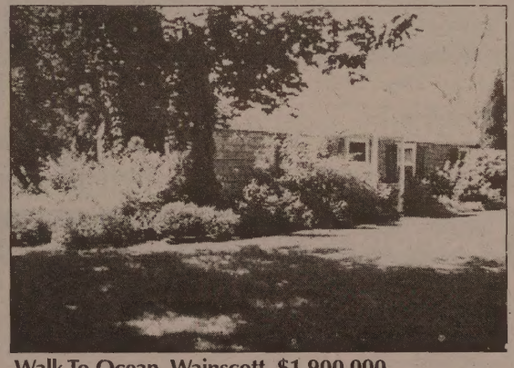

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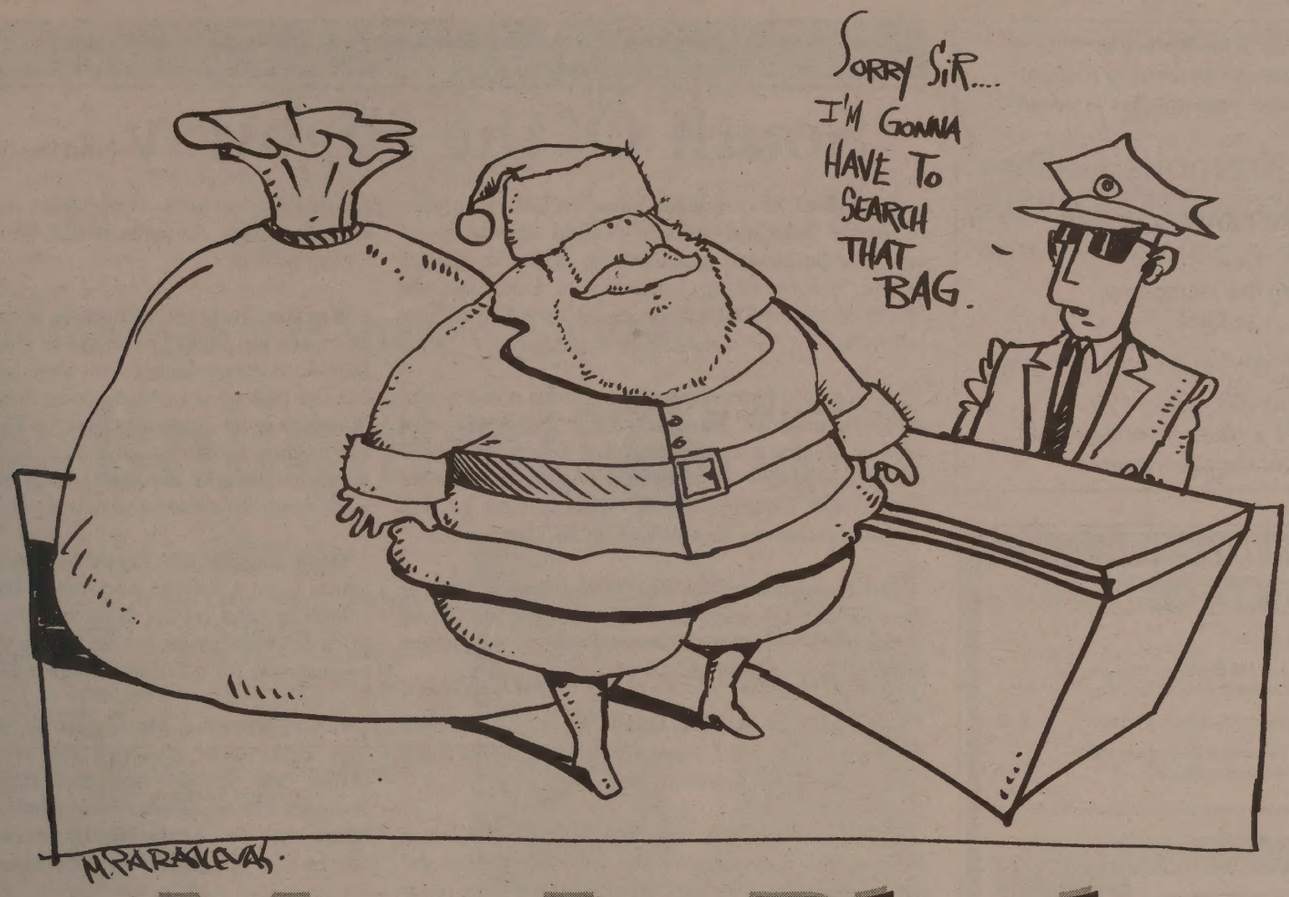

Men In Black

The "Official" Report To Headquarters After Santa's Visit To The East End Last Weekend

By Dan Rattiner

North Pole Advance Team deployed on Friday morning, December 6, arriving by Boeing 747 *SANTA 1* at noon at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton and then a smaller contingent arrived at the same airport in Boeing 757 *SANTA 2* at four p.m. All together 27 people arrived. The trip from the Pole took twelve and fifteen hours, respectively. Local school busses picked up our people and transported them to private homes in the area, where they showered, changed, and were fed, in preparation for the briefing at the Command Post which would be set up at the Southampton Inn conference center at 7.

Our C-130 cargo plane carrying 8 of our red vans arrived after an uneventful nineteen-hour trip from the Pole to Gabreski Airport on the same day, including 8 drivers and 8 navigators. This contingent went immediately to the inn, making a long caravan down the Sunrise Highway, arriving in Southampton at 6:30 to deploy the Command Post. Command Post was fully deployed in Conference Room B and ready for the meeting by 6:45.

The meeting began on time at 7, with all in attendance and accounted for. At 7:10, radio communication with the Pole reported Santa and the Missus, along with five elves, were leaving that location aboard the sleigh with Rudolph at the front lighting the way. They were scheduled to land on the roof at Gurney's Inn at 7:22 with a brief stop at Orient Beach State Park to officiate a tree lighting. A report received during the meeting confirmed that the stop in Orient occured and the landing in Montauk took place successfully and on time.

Briefing at the Southampton Inn ended at 8, with the deployment of personnel for two sub-command centers, one at Gurney's and the other on the North Fork at the Mattituck UA Theatre in Cinema 3, reserved for that purpose. Sub-command centers designated Outpost 1 and Outpost 2 for the North Fork and Montauk, respectively. Personnel reported deployed at midnight at Outpost 2, at one a.m. at Outpost 1.

> **Radio communication with the Pole reported Santa and the Missus... leaving that location aboard the sleigh with Rudolph at the front...**

Santa and the Missus greeted by Gurney's staff and spent a restful evening there, enjoying a sauna and a Roman bath — the spa was closed to the public for an hour — then a spa dinner of veal picatta and a screening of the movie *Home Alone*, one of their favorites, in their suite. All in bed for the night. Elves put up in cottages. Reindeer housed in old, unused Montauk Playhouse building downtown. Plenty of hay. Contingent from Deep Hollow Ranch attending them.

Saturday morning wake up for all at 6 a.m. Security and Traffic report in at 7:30 and all took up positions. Contingents deployed for the morning for planned breakfast at World Gym in Hampton Bays by 8, along parade route in East Hampton by 9, in Mattituck Mall by 9:30. Santa and the Missus and the elves leave roof of Gurney's Spa at 9:15 a.m., Rudolph remaining behind, for the short sleigh ride west to the breakfast at World Gym in Hampton Bays at 9:30. Coffee and donuts. Elves wait outside.

At 9:50, Main Street Hampton Bays is closed down for five minutes so reindeer, accompanied by a motorcycle police escort, can get a running start for Santa's trip up to Mattituck, accompanied by the elves. They arrive there exactly on time at 10 a.m. Santa waves to the crowd and is escorted, with the elves, into Mattituck Cinema 1 for a viewing of *Treasure Planet* scheduled for two hours. Mrs. Claus meanwhile goes sightseeing in Southampton in Red Van 6, shops briefly at Saks and other stores. Red Van 4 continues the journey,

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Billy Joel, who sold his house in East Hampton to **Jerry Seinfeld** for $36 million several years ago, has purchased a waterfront house in Centre Island, a tony village secluded on Long Island's North Shore for $20 million. So he's got $16 million left over.

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Hamptonite **Nora Ephron** has been a successful essayist, novelist, screenwriter and director, and now is turning to playwrighting. Her new play is called *Imaginary Friends* and will star **Swoozie Kurtz** and **Cherry Jones**, opening first in San Diego and then in New York City in December.

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Ted Forstmann, the leveraged buyout King who lives in Mecox, hosted the UJA benefit at the Grand Hyatt in New York Wednesday. Honoree was super-lawyer **Steve Fraidin**.

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Long Island's **Mariah Carey** is on the rebound. Her new album sold a quarter million copies in its first week, a new personal best for her.

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TV's **Tom Arnold's** new book *How I lost 5 lbs. in 6 Years* has been banned from WalMart. The reason? A blurb on the back from **Steve Tisch** reads "You've heard Arnold talk about his small penis. Now you can read about it." Arnold's reaction to all of this is to say that he would think a big corporation like Walmart would be more sensitive to a fellow's handicap.

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A sometimes visitor to the Hamptons, **Paul Newman**, is heading back to Broadway to do **Thornton Wilder's** *Our Town*. He'll play the stage manager.

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Hamptonite **Eli Wallach** celebrated his birthday last Thursday at a party thrown by **Baird Jones**, who is the curator of Webster Hall. Jones has mounted an exhibit of portraits made of Wallach over the years. He calls it "Eli Wallach in All His Ugliness."

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Martha Stewart's image is being featured less and less on her products. The new edition of *Martha Stewart Living* describes her 2003 recipes, but her picture is nowhere to be found on the cover. Martha's voice is a voice over in TV ads about her Christmas products. She has a house in East Hampton. Maybe sometime soon she'll be able to walk down the street and nobody will recognize her.

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Mick Jagger just keeps rocking on. He says he wants to do it forever. And maybe he can. He's been spending time in the Hamptons and has been to Mick & Tonis recently, also Bobby Vans. He's doing a voice over for a Simpson's epixode for Fox.

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Writer **Norman Mailer**, at 80, has published a new work, about the craft and art of writing. It's called the *Spooky Art*, and it's published by Random House. Mailer was first out here in the fifties with the **Andy Warhol** crowd and most recently, last year, lectured at Southampton College.

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Patricia Snyder and **Toni Munna** of the East End Arts Council are launching the Teeny Awards, on May 18, 2003 at which time trophies will be awarded in 20 categories to the best high school student actors, directors and playwrights. It will take place at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center and the judging will go on all winter.

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Patchogue Theatre has a special holiday family show. Moscow Stars on Ice, made up of world, European and Olympic champions, will perform *The Nutcracker* on ice from December 20 through 31. Tickets are $30-35 for adults, $20 for children. Call Gateway's box offices or 888-4TIXNOW or log on to their web site www.gatewayplayhouse.com.

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Planning to take in a special show in Manhattan during the holidays? Consider the **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** which is getting critical raves now during its brief season (through January 5) at the City Center. Tickets start at only $15 and are available through Citytix (212-581-1212) or www.citycenter.org.

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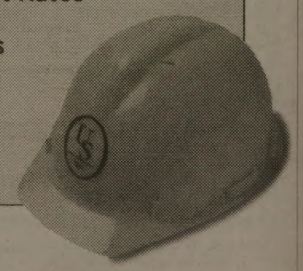

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taking her to East Hampton Main Street and parade staging area at Town Pond.

10:10 a.m., Santa and the elves are snuck out the back of Mattituck Cinema to waiting reindeer in parking lot who take off on Route 25, briefly closed down by police, so reindeer can fly them to Town Pond in East Hampton in time for Christmas Parade. Reindeer and sleigh are taken to site behind Jewish Center. Santa meets up with the Missus and they are aboard the big Kiwanis float at the back of the parade by 10:15. Slow trip, the elves walking alongside, waving to the crowd down Main Street then up Newtown Lane with parade ending at 11:30 in field behind East Hampton Middle School.

Reindeer and sleigh depart Jewish Center at 11:35, fly over town and pick up Santa, the elves and the Missus behind the Middle School and fly them to the Southold Railroad Station to board the eastbound train. Linkup successful. Santa and the Missus, waving to well wishers, leave Southold and arrive at 11:58 a.m. at the Greenport Railroad station to greet more well wishers and take a tour of the Railroad Museum there. Elves rest aboard train.

Tour ends at 12:45 p.m. Santa, the elves and the Missus are taken by Red Vans 2 and 3 to a secure site behind the football stadium stands at Greenport High School to meet up with the reindeer and sleigh which have flown in from Southold Railroad Station. Santa and the Missus nap in sleigh under the presents until 2. The elves play cards.

From 1 to 2 p.m., security and traffic people are deployed in all 8 red vans for Imposter Sweep. Fake Santas ringing bells are removed from in front of a tire store on Route 58 in Riverhead, from in front of a gas station on County Road 39 in Southampton and from a fruit stand in Mecox. All are taken into the back of the red vans, and there, according to procedure, are stripped to their skivvies, given black flannel pajamas that button in the back, told to put them on and then are dumped along the side of the road and told never to do this again.

At 2:30, Santa and the Missus are awakened and given juice and donuts, then, along with the elves, are flown by sleigh to the Montauk Lighthouse for a brief appearance at the Christmas party and pony rides program there. Then it is back into the sleigh, which has been parked on the lawn, and across Peconic Bay to Hampton Watercraft and Marine in Westhampton Beach for a scheduled appearance at 3 p.m. Landing in parking lot. Elves stay with sleigh. Event is successful. Santa, the elves and the Missus fly by sleigh back across the bay to make an appearance in Riverhead at the Peconic Riverfront Holiday Bonfire at 4:30 p.m. Then back across Peconic Bay again for a final appearance, this time in the Fire Engine Parade down Main Street and Jobs Lane to the holiday party at the Cultural Center in Southampton from 5:30 to 7:30. Sleigh is on display in Agawam Park, accompanied by reindeer and elves for the duration, security provided by contingent from Red Vans 3 and 4.

At 7:30, Rudolph flies solo from Gurney's Inn spa roof to Lake Agawam to provide light for the flight back to Gurney's to pick up everybody's belongings, before heading up to the Soundview Inn in Greenport on the Long Island Sound where accommodations for all are arranged for the night. Reindeer accommodated on the beach, attended by stable hands from the Entemann Farm in Riverhead who have brought in hay and feed in two horse trailers that were set up beachfront behind the inn.

Sunday morning continental breakfast at the inn, followed by the arrival of a Suffolk County emergency helicopter to the parking lot of the inn to transport Santa and the Missus to the Cutchogue Green for the Cutchogue Christmas Festival beginning at the Cutchogue Fire House at 10:30 a.m. Helicopter returns Santa and the Missus back to the Soundview at noon. One-hour nap follows. Then reindeer, including Rudolph, fly Santa, the elves and the Missus back to the North Pole, leaving the beach at one p.m., and arriving at the North Pole at two-thirty.

North Pole Advance Team shuts down Outpost 1 and 2 at three p.m., Gabreski Airport Command Post at 3:30 p.m., with C-130, the 757 and the 747 departing between three-thirty and four. Training film *Ever Vigilant Part Nine* is shown aboard all three aircraft.

All arrive safely between three a.m. and nine thirty a.m. Monday morning at North Pole South Elf Airport. Another assignment successfully completed. Planning begins for next week's operation on the East End. Featured is an appearance at the Southampton Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday December 14. Read *Dan's Papers* for further information. •

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Willie?

Spray Paint, Death Threats, Virgil The Frog Boy And Other Graffiti

By Dan Rattiner

Sprayed graffiti occasionally appears in the Hamptons. Sometimes it's that illegible scrawl you see in the city, "tagged" with the nickname of the author. Sometimes it's legible and unsigned, with a message. In either case, it is usually quickly removed — except in the case of railroad trestles, which I will get to later — and that's the end of it.

But what do you do when what appears on a fence or a wall is a death threat? The words WILLIE MUST DIE appeared on a wall outside of the East Hampton Cinema last week. Crime photographers soon came over to take pictures of it. Police are asking the public if they have any idea who might have done this, or to which Willie the graffiti artist might have been referring. If you have information to report on this matter, please call Detective Margaret Dunn of the East Hampton Village Police Force at 324-0777.

I don't have anything new to report on this matter, except that I would like to point out to Detective Dunn that the police force is making a logical leap of faith that Willie must be a person. Maybe he is and maybe he isn't.

He could be, for example, a whale. People are coming out of the movie theater late at night. They've been watching a movie. Perhaps something has reminded somebody of the movie *Free Willy* that was a big hit in the mid-90s. A whale named Willy is living in poor circumstances in a rundown dolphin show somewhere. A ten-year-old boy played by Jason James Richter decides to set him free. In the end, he succeeds and Willy, after blowing kisses at the boy, swims off into the sunset.

Or it could refer to a body part. I know, I know, this is serious business. But this is what came to me. Deranged theatergoer comes out of the theater — perhaps she has just seen the movie *Frida*, set in the 1930s, about Frida and her husband, the out-of-control womanizer and famous Mexican painter Diego Rivera — and she reaches into her purse, pulls out a can and angrily spray paints this slogan on the side wall as she leaves.

I have made several attempts over the years to try and find out the meaning of VIRGIL THE FROG BOY.

Or it could refer to Bill Clinton. There are those who would argue that he is not a person. Growing up, his friends in Arkansas called him Willie. Perhaps the theatregoer was intending to write WILLIE'S WILLIE MUST DIE, but got scared off and only partially completed it.

I mentioned earlier that our East End towns are quick to remove any graffiti that appears anywhere out here, except on railroad trestles. Railroad trestles have been an exception to the rule for two reasons. One is that the railroad bureaucracy has been so slow off the mark in removing graffiti from their trestles in the past — a bothersome thing since they are so visible directly over the roads where the cars pass under — that it pissed off the local village and town governments. They long ago decided they won't take care of the railroad's graffiti. And so, these spray can scrawls have remained for years, slowly assuming the level of legend.

For example, the phrase VIRGIL THE FROG BOY has appeared on railroad trestles for as long as I can remember. It gets sprayed out by some new graffiti artist high up on a tall aluminum ladder late at night creating a fresh palette for something, and he makes his new graffiti, but within the year VIRGIL THE FROG BOY returns.

I have made several attempts over the years to try and find out the meaning of VIRGIL THE FROG BOY. Many people have stepped forward to tell me what it means and who did it, but the stories never match up. There was a Virgil who belonged to a circus. He looked like a frog. There was a scuba diver. (Frog boy, get it?) There was a construction firm called Frog Boy. Everyone is so sincere. Nothing matches.

About fifteen years ago, I headed up a committee that would recommend to the town what ought to be done with the house up in Springs where the late painter Jackson Pollock lived and where, in his adjacent studio, he did his drip paintings. His wid-

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ow, Lee Krasner, had died. According to her will, if a public agency would commit to financially take over the house and make a museum out of it, the house could go to them for $1. We were working on the project.

One day, I went over to Sag Harbor and saw once again one of the dominant structures in the town, the giant ten-story steel green ball down by Baron's Cove that is the power company gas holding tank. I got this idea for a hoax. I would write that the ball was put there in 1950. And Jackson Pollock was commissioned to get up on top of it with his paints and make a spectacular drip painting on it. He did exactly that. And this "canvas" of his painting was the pride of the town. But then, just the week before I would publish this, vandals came in one night and painted it green, leaving us with this ugly steel ball painted in green graffiti you see there today.

It is well known that I often make stories up, and this surely was one of the biggest whoppers. But if East Enders were used to this sort of thing in *Dan's Papers*, the top executives of LILCO, as it was called then, worked in their headquarters in Melville and may never have seen a *Dan's Papers*. A board meeting was held. What was the value of the drip painting? Ten million? Fifteen million? A crew was sent out with paint scrapers to try to peel off the green top layer to reveal this great art treasure. The local East End linemen who worked for LILCO were hysterical with laughter at all of this and they called me up and suggested I go down and interview the art appraiser, the paint scrapers and the various vice presidents. Of course they never found anything.

You see, the night before, I had pulled the painting off from under the green, the way you pull a tablecloth out from under place settings, and I folded it up and taken it home and it is now in the back of my garage. The value of it continues to rise. Don't even try going in there. I keep the garage locked. • •

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New Car

I Favor The Environment, Staying Fit And Eating Right, But Then There's This Car

By Dan Rattiner

I am someone who sincerely cares about the environment. I think all endangered species should be protected. I think we should only eat organic food. I want clean water and clean air. I think we all should recycle. And I think we have to do something about global warming.

On the other hand, let me tell you about my new car. It's a 2003 Lincoln Navigator, it has a 360-horsepower engine, three four-wheel drive settings, an all-wheel drive setting and a two-wheel drive setting. No other car has all these settings. I can take it on the beach, or up into the mountains or over rocks and stuff.

It is also the very pinnacle of luxury and gorgeousness. There is nothing like it, not even last year's Navigator. I bought it because of the new gadgets it has and because the interior of the car is designed to look like an old ocean liner. There is mahogany and leather, chrome and brushed aluminum. The centerpiece of the dashboard has an old-fashioned ship's clock, with an hour hand and a minute hand. It looks nothing so much as a first class cabin aboard the *Titanic*. Certainly as a large SUV, it is, inside, almost as large as a cabin aboard a cruise ship.

Range Rover came out with a vehicle like this last June and I had gone to look at it. But it was $80,000, which was well beyond my price range. The Navigator — and the look is all new with the new Navigator — is not much more than half that. Certainly I am worth that.

Here are some of the features of my new car. It has automatic running boards. You open the door, and with a whirring sound, the running board slides out for where your feet go. A little footlight even goes on to show you where to step. It does this on both sides of the car, even if you are the only person getting in it, just in case. It has seats that slide back automatically when you open the door and when you close the door and put the key in the ignition, the seat slides automatically forward into the place where you have set it. It has two remotes, one for him and one for her, so you each get your own door opener and closer. You preset the seat height, tilt, distance from the steering wheel, you also preset the four-way side mirror, and you preset the foot pedal locations for your tootsies. You can also raise and lower the steering wheel.

My new car has a button you press and the third seat simply disappears. I'm not making this up.

The seat itself, besides moving every which way to your customized setting at the touch of a button, has buttons to give you lumbar support for your mid-back (or not), a button to heat your seat (or not), and a button to air condition your seat (or not). Of course, when you close the door, you hear the running board sliding back in.

When you turn the key in the ignition, you go through five settings. I have not looked up what the middle three are. But the first one is OFF and the fifth one starts the car.

You know how most large SUVs come with a third seat that you can either fold forward, leave in place or remove entirely and put in your garage? Best to get two people to take it out. It's not that heavy but it's bulky. Anyway, my new car has a button you press.and the third seat simply disappears. I'm not making this up. It folds down into the floor. Then you press another button and the third seat re- emerges from the floor and sets itself back up. (I wonder if it could accidentally eat a kid.)

You can watch movies in the car. In the ceiling just over the back of the front seats there is this pod which folds down. Insert a DVD and it starts up on a screen in full color with the Twentieth Century Fox logo or the MGM lion and you can adjust the angle to suit yourself there sitting in the second or third row with six friends watching it. The sound comes out over ten speakers that surround you in the car. There is also a subwoofer somewhere. I watched *Armageddon* the other night. When the meteor hit, the subwoofer made the hair on my neck stand up.

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The sound system has settings to completely modify the acoustics in the car. You can simulate a concert hall, a stadium, a jazz club, a church or you can just be in your car (the readout on the screen says DSP OFF. I do not know what DSP stands for. Something). There is a speed sensitive setting for the volume. It makes the radio louder if there is more road noise, softer if there is less road noise. And you can adjust it to be either more or less sensitive.

The DVD player is just a slit in the dashboard. You feed it DVDs, up to six, like feeding the Cookie Monster on "Sesame Street." Wherever they go inside I have no idea, but messages on a screen tell you the usual stuff, like which one you are playing, how many minutes and seconds you are into which song, and so forth. For the FM radio you can select SCAN, SEEK, SHUFFLE. There's also MUTE in case you are on the cell phone.

There are airbags everywhere. They pop out of the doors, the dashboard, maybe even the ceiling. I'm not sure. If you get in an accident you are totally cuddled up inside. The car also has a moon roof.

Maybe you want to open the lift gate at the back of the car to slide in something big, a sofa or armchair, in. You press a button. It goes up like a garage door. You put the thing in. You press the button again and it goes down. It has the usual warnings about keeping clear. But it also has an automatic stop if anything gets in the way. It stops until you remove whatever the obstruction is. Then it tries again. On the other hand, maybe you just have something small you want to put into the back. Press another button and just the hatchback window opens while the hatchback itself remains closed.

I could go on and on about this car. It has a navigation system with a TV screen on the dashboard. It shows you all the roads on whatever map you want to see, and it also has the voice of a nice young woman telling you where to turn and when, and then if you miss your turn she tells you you missed it and you have to go back, but in a nice voice that never gets mad. Of course, it has a global positioning device to tell you where you are at all times. But you know that already. You're in the car somewhere.

As I said before, the car has a remote on the key chain and it does the usual things such as lock and unlock the car and set off an emergency alarm noise. But the remote also is hooked up to the lights. When you approach your car at night and press the button, all the interior lights go on to welcome you. When you get in, they stay on awhile, then slowly dim to darkness just like at the opera.

The car won't dim the lights though if a door is left ajar. You can't really drive with all the lights on — the map lights, the overhead lights, the vanity mirror lights, the foot lights and so forth. There's a print out on the screen on the dashboard that will tell you which door it is that is open or if it's the lift gate door that's open so you can go right to it. The car also really, really wants you to wear your seat belt. You can drive off if you don't put on the seat belt. But every sixty seconds the car will protest by making an annoying sound lasting ten seconds. It only stops doing this when you buckle up. You wear your seat belt.

They have also solved the "dog getting his head caught in the automatic window" problem. On older cars, the windows go up and down with a toggle on the top of the arm rest. Your dog steps on that toggle and, even though windows going up have a safety stop, gets his head caught. Now the controls are on the console between the two front bucket seats. It's a stretch for an average size or small dog to step on that toggle and get his head caught. Also, it's no longer a toggle. It's a pull and push switch. Push it down and the window goes down. Use your thumb to pull it up and the window goes up. It works on the principle that dogs lack thumbs. Only really big dogs with opposable thumbs could get their heads caught. An unlikely combination.

They've also solved the "locking your keys in the car" problem. There's a keypad above the driver's side door handle. Punch in your preset code. The door opens.

If you back up and get within four feet of anything behind you, the car beeps a warning, just like a big truck backing up does. And it doesn't just have one warning. It has three different warning beeps. Far apart for close. A sort of stacatto beep for closer. A solid long beep for "That's it!"But the beeping stops if you put the car in neutral or a forward gear.

Well, as I said, I could go on and on. But I really have to go. There's an environmental demonstration I have to go to about endangered piping plovers.

Actually, other than come home from the dealership, this is the first time I am driving this car. Mostly I'm just using it here in the driveway. We watch movies. Listen to Billy Joel with the stadium setting. Fiddle with all the controls. It would be nice if it had a hot plate, toaster and microwave. Maybe next year.

It's important to think about the environment. And I'm an environmentalist. But with this new car, I make an exception.

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Gentle Lion

A Lion In Africa Catches The Holiday Spirit And Puzzles Authorities

By Dan Rattiner

I don't know if you've heard about this or not, but there is a lion in Kenya, a female, who goes around finding creatures it would normally eat and, instead of eating them, mothers them. She preys primarily on the young, although under the circumstances that is certainly the wrong word to describe this behavior.

The lioness will go into a herd of oryxes, for example — oryxes are small antelopes — separate one of the youngsters from its mother, and then trot off with it into the bush where she just licks it all over and takes care of it. The oryx is terrified, of course. And the mother oryx is worried just awful about having a lion run off with one of her young, but what can she do? It's the law of the jungle out there and the law is the law.

Delighted about all of this are the tourists who come to Kenya to see wild animals. On an ordinary day, they are taken out in jeeps by guides armed with binoculars, cameras and rifles, to find lions chasing down oryxes and tearing them limb from limb. There is something so, well, natural about that. The predator. The prey. People, mostly rich people, fly in from Japan or Canada or New York or Germany and they stay in expensive hotels in Nairobi and they have their favorite guides drive their favorite vehicles out to the Samburu National Reserve to watch a leopard eat a wildebeest or a tiger chase down a zebra.

But now there is, well, this Ferdinand the Bull lioness. She guards her little oryx. She sleeps alongside it. Nobody can come near. She brings food to the little oryx, who is really not particularly hungry since he is so terrified. He barely eats.

I suppose what comes to mind at this point is that the lioness is, maybe, attracted to the young oryx in some deviant way. Surely it is unnatural. But it seems to be a maternal attraction, not a sexual one. During the last two months, the lioness has adopted seven oryxes. And as the oryxes have weakened from lack of food — not that the lioness isn't trying — the trackers and guides have intervened, temporarily frightening the lion by firing their guns in the air, then scooping up the oryx and nursing it back to health before setting it free, once again, in the wild. Usually, the mother of the oryx is nearby, eager to nurse her young, but too intimidated by the lion to step up to the plate and give it a try. There have been great reunions. But then the lion "adopts" another oryx. One expects she could adopt another kind of creature, a gazelle or a wildebeest, but she always chooses a young oryx.

The whole thing has changed the dynamics of the safaris in Kenya, at least during the last few months. Huge caravans of jeeps and campers follow the lion and the oryx as they move along, the oryx walking slowly, the lioness happily prancing and skipping, and at night when they settle down, the campers make a big circle around the pair. It is quite something. The natives call the lioness Kamuniak, which means "Blessed One" in Samburu. This lioness is the Mother Theresa of Kenya.

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She was, that is, until last Thursday. The current young oryx, weakening from lack of food, was just about to be rescued by the trackers when it was decided to just leave them alone and see what would happen if nature took its course. On Wednesday night, the oryx died. On Thursday morning, the lioness observed that this was the case, and she seemed sad about it. She then assumed a pouncing position near the dead oryx when some hyenas approached and appeared interested in making a dinner of the oryx, roared, and when the hyenas ran away, turned and, with great relish, ate the oryx herself. The tourists were horrified. Many burst into tears. Kamuniack paid them no never mind. She's a lion.

Since that time, Kamuniack has been cured. She no longer nurtures prey. She finds it, pounces on it and eats it, just as the other lionesses do. And the marketing and public relations involved in going on safari in Kenya have returned to normal. Come out and watch a predator rip a leg out of a prey's socket. It's all here in Kenya.

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I was thinking of this the other morning when I was in the kitchen of our house in East Hampton and noticed that some fruit in a bowl on the kitchen table had become overripe and was sporting an almost invisible halo of tiny fruit flies, hundreds of them. It was a warm morning and I had the kitchen slider open so the dogs could go in and out — you can go on safari at our house real cheaply — when I noticed that, in addition to the fruit flies, there was a house fly zipping about.

I didn't put all this together at first. My first impulse as the major male predator of the house bent on keeping things not desired in the kitchen out of the kitchen, was to go to the hook on the wall and take down the fly swatter. The fruit flies were landing here and there for a moment or two and I tried swatting them, but they'd just gracefully get out of the way.

Then I noticed that the house fly was having a real good time with the situation. He was, apparently, having lunch. He was fat and slow. The fruit flies were apparently being hatched at a great rate and the house fly was dispatching them as fast as he could, but it was slowing him down. He was gorging himself on fruit flies.

So I swatted him. Splat. I don't know what got into me. It just happened.

I've been to two hardware stores. As near as I

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review: beyond the end of the game

By Tarah Kennedy

Peter Beard certainly isn't shy when it comes to asserting what's on his mind. Speaking to more than 60 people at the Third House Nature Center, Beard wanted Montauk to know that human beings are to blame for the destruction of the environment.

Part of the Center's winter series, Beard's lecture, "Beyond the End of the Game: East Africa and Montauk," continued on the theme of his 1965 published work, "The End of the Game."

After living in Kenya for more than 40 years, studying and photographing the demise of elephants' habitats, Beard compared the collapse of Africa's wildlife to what is currently happening in Montauk.

"Everything in Africa that I saw is exactly what is happening here," he said. "We are just as incompetent as the Africans."

Comparing the elephant's mode for survival to humans, he said over-developing, over-subdividing, over-ruining and over-crowding were to blame for our current predicament.

"We are experiencing all the same phenomenon that every single species has when it exponentially expands until limiting factors have to start cutting down that relentless expansion," he said.

Beard grew up in Southampton and has lived in Montauk for more than 20 years. He first traveled to Africa after graduating Yale in the early 1960s, photographing its natural environment. His interest primarily focused on elephants after meeting Karen Blintzen, author of *Out of Africa*, and he decided to make Kenya his home in order to observe the eradication of these massive creatures.

He explained that an elephant's ecology is more similar to humans than any other animal with regard to having nuclear families, modifying habitats, adapting to damages caused, and of course, eating everything in sight.

"It looks like we might be in the country," he said, referring to the serenity offered by Montauk, "but we have to face up to the fact that we are a glacier of human flesh that is rolling downhill like a lava flow, destroying everything in front of us."

After studying the behaviors of 2000 elephants in an overpopulated-national park in Uganda, Beard said that the animals' issues were the same as humans. Every single mature elephant in the study had advanced heart disease, also the number-one killer in the U.S.

"It's a density-dependant phenomena," he said. "When you've really blown it in your habitat, you have a lot of effects."

Stating consequences such as the separation of sexes, territorial neuroses and tribalism, he described our problems as being just as uncivilized as the elephants.

"We don't want to admit this, so we change the words," he said. "We are unbelievably primitive with just a few people to tease us into believing that we are worthy of the New York Times. We're not."

Citing Norman Borlaug, winner of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize for breeding new strains of wheat to end world hunger, Beard said his acceptance speech related to the metaphor between humans and elephants.

Beard quoted Borlaug's acceptant speech verbatim, "I will take the prize but you have to know what I've created, the Green Revolution, is the most dangerous possible thing that could have been introduced to you," he said. "We are adapting to damage."

Although money would seem to be the simple solution to fix all what is wrong, Beard argued that today's politics of conservation has to do only with fund raising, in which Park Avenue widows, for example, are targets for tearjerker advertising. Beard said the "absurd grubbing for money" has perverted the whole future of wildlife.

He enjoined the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, appropriate to the park's namesake, in his discussion, explaining that Roosevelt had warned mankind of an overlapping of sentimentalism that ties into collecting funds for environmental causes.

"We are bunny huggers," translated Beard, meaning that we acquire contributions by showing thirsty elephants and baby lion cubs that appeal to the wallet.

The audience admitted to Beard that many environmental groups who know the truth about the future of mankind have a duty to raise funds, but if honesty were admitted, money would not be given.

"The do-gooders are doing bad," he said. "They are evolving us into a sea of lies."

When asked by the audience what could be done to improve the situation, Beard said focusing on re-education and awareness would be key.

Although Beard said people are afraid to change, the situation will only get worse if humans remain stagnant. According to him, if nothing is done to stop the downward spiral, there will be more disease, war and starvation.

"If someone just made a list of all the wrongs that comprised the avalanche within which we're suffocating in, it would be very valuable," he said.

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Christmas dinner, 1919

Holidaze

Pepe The Mouse, Holiday Safety, And Other Hamptons Stories Of The Season

By Janet Berg

Oh, I haven't got time for the holidays

I recall the joy and tranquility of the Christmas season in a far-away place in my mind — it was filled with dozens of bright red bows, pudgy little dimpled hands holding tight to sticky candy canes, and Mary Jane shoes that were polished with Vaseline. I don't know how it happened, but those moments seem far removed from my present day life, as the holidays turn into frenzy.

Somehow, I still hold onto the child within, reaching on tiptoes to the treetop above, with the last sliver of shimmering tinsel in hand. The holidays are as delicate as that silver strand, with such a fine line between tears and giggles.

So, I choose to "get by" with the humor in the madness we've all created for ourselves; for if I didn't look to the lighter side, I think even the snow would turn a darker shade of blue.

Enough. Time to turn to other pleasantries-in-pain — like my family, who make a mockery of "holiday safety." I mean, we are the epitome of an accident waiting to happen. Going over my mental checklist of what we did wrong over the years: we overload outlets, run wires under the rug, leave candles unattended, those fireworks are shootin' all over the place, and you'd think we'd have a fireplace with a screen?

And the chimney sweep man? Does anyone really call that guy? Who is he? I think I saw him in a van once on the Long Island Expressway — he's so much more elusive than Santa Claus.

Yes, we are not exactly the role models for *Family Circle* magazine this December, and that's for darn sure! I remember a few Christmases ago, Uncle Bill's Ralph Lauren sweater caught fire. This is only one of the true stories that our family enjoys talking about at family gatherings.

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He just got the sweater that very day, as a gift, but then, so did the hostess whose new candlestick holder was placed right behind him at the holiday dinner table.

It didn't help to introduce a new pet to the family (by the way, not the best time of year to get a puppy). We also learned about Poinsettia consumption down at the 24-hour emergency veterinary clinic.

The extended family is an eclectic, crazy bunch, that I find quite exhausting. We just spent Thanksgiving dinner with them, and now Christmas dinner comes so soon after. Couldn't it be spaced a little farther apart?

Of course, we have issues, like most good 'ol American dysfunctional families. One year, the dinner theme was very political — the year of the dimpled and pregnant chads. Seems so silly now. This year, the issue was "animal rights."

I have turkey empathy every year. But, my brother said the way to get over it is to pretend that the turkey we were about to eat is a BAD turkey. Then, he started to call him "Turkey bin Laden." I still had no appetite, as I pictured Osama's head on the turkey carcass set down before us, so Martha-Stewartish — dead center on the 144-inch Mahogany table, so elegantly set.

Being an animal lover has gotten in the way before. I remember the year of the mouse in the house. I think he lived somewhere in the stove. Being I don't cook that much, he must have figured it was a safe place, poor thing. That is until the year I got into cooking with wine (a lot of it).Then,

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BAM!!!

Well, it didn't happen overnight. It took weeks of the little fellow haunting me. I'd see him peek out once in awhile from under the burner. So many people tried to give me advice. The sticky trap, the mousetrap? No way! I couldn't bear the thought — the clapping noise, the groan — oh no! Besides, he was cute as a button. I named him Pepe.

I'd lay in bed every night, thinking about that dumb little mouse. But, while lying in bed one night, I thought of this brilliant plan of how I would capture him without bringing him harm.

I took crumbs of bread and made a trail from the stovetop to the sink. Then, I filled the sink almost to the top with water, and in the quiet of the night; I slipped back into bed and waited.

A couple of hours later, while my husband and two small children slept soundly, I went back into the kitchen and peeked into the sink. With his wet ears, pinned back against his head, he looked like a miniature seal, all shiny and smooth.

I gathered him into a Tupperware container and set him down on the ground outside the front door. I looked up in the moonlight and a beautiful snow was starting to fall down around us. I could hear the song "Born Free" playing in my ears. It was the whole symphony. The little fellow looked back at me, as if to say, "Thank you" and then he froze solid in his tracks. My heart stopped at the same time the music did.

Animal lover? I scoffed at myself in bed later that night, wiping a tear. The guilt was overwhelming. I thought about the microwave, but then, I never was good in the kitchen. Should I refer to the manual? Should I use 50% power? What if I left Pepe in there too long?

If I only knew at the time, that the "Year of the Mouse" (not to be confused with the Chinese New Year) would be one of the quieter celebrations of my life, as this Christmas of 2002, brings my cacophonous list of things to do to an all-time high.

What's going on? The truth is "everything," all at once; that's what! It should be called the "Year of the Move." My daughter, who recently moved from a dump in the city, to a place on 58th & Madison, has simultaneously decided that her job has a high-burn-out level. My son, the newest college graduate, who just started a lucrative business on the Internet, has decided that before he burns-out, he wants to first go on a six-month surf trip, moving around the world, in search of the perfect wave. Guess who is left home as CEO, Negotiator, Head of Payroll, Shipper, Customer Relations Manager, and holding the bag? (I think he's just about landing in Tahiti about now.)

My in-laws from Florida have temporarily moved-in for a few weeks, so that means that my snoring husband has to move back into the room, which means no sleep for me. That's okay, 'cause no sleep means I have more time to think about all the problems coming up.

My mother, who we just moved from an upstairs apartment to a downstairs apartment, is now moving in with us. Luckily, we sold all her furniture, but still, there are about three crates full of medicines, vitamins, and half-squeezed tubes of Ben Gay to load into the car.

And that's just a smidgen of what's going on, as we, ourselves, have just sold our own home that our kids grew up in, and are packing 4,000 square-feet full of "stuff" to move down the road apiece. Why would anyone want to move just down the road, you ask? "Well, because we were fortunate enough to find an affordable piece of waterfront property, where we can appreciate the tranquility of nature," I want to answer. But, instead, it has turned out to be a monster project of doorknobs, faucets and moldings and, oh yeah, did I mention, stress?

I'm looking forward to standing on the water's edge, spying on a beautiful blue heron. It's so close — just a stone's throw — yet, sometimes we're all just a little too human to see it. Kind of what we've turned the Christmas season into. I'm hoping, before too long, that this run-on-sentence of life can transform itself into one single word: PEACE.

Happy Holidays! •

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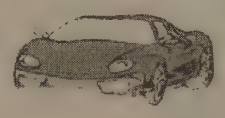

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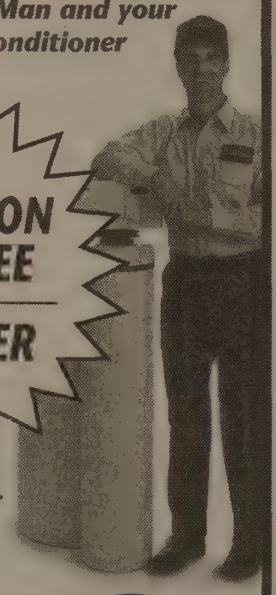

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Plum Island Secure

Controversial Animal Disease Research Center Now Part Of Homeland Security

By Jerry Cimisi

This past summer there were hearings in Washington whose end result has transferred control the Department of Agriculture's animal disease research facility at Plum Island to the purview of the new office of Homeland Security.

The government's reasons were self-evident. Since 9/11 there has been an increased awareness of the vulnerability of many important aspects of American life. Plum Island investigates diseases threatening animals that are not only consumed by Americans but exported all over the world. (The United States is the world's biggest exporter of meat. Last year America exported $5 billion worth of meat.)

"The way things stand now," said United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) spokeswoman, Sandy Miller Hays, "is that the buildings and all facilities on Plum Island will belong to Homeland Security, though personnel will still be employed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service." Otherwise known as APHIS, a department within the USDA.

This presents a picture of both Homeland Security and the USDA sharing Plum Island, but it would seem that the tenor of the times as well as that of this administration would have the former, newly created agency in the lead.

This past October, the Committee on Foreign and Emerging Diseases of the United States Animal Health Association passed a resolution opposing the takeover of Plum Island By Homeland Security, quoting part of the bill that passed the House (H.R. 5005): "...the Secretary of Homeland Security shall enter into an agreement to ensure Department of Agriculture access to the center for research, diagnostic, and other activities of the Department of Agriculture"

This certainly has Homeland Security calling the shots.

The D.C. hearings this past summer presented a mix of opposing views of officials, administrators and researchers. Many within the USDA did not want to lose any control over Plum Island, but the agency's head, Anne Veneman (appointed by President Bush) at least publicly approved of the changeover—which is scheduled for June, 2003.

Though Alfonso Torres, who was the director of Plum Island from 1991-1996, told legislators that APHIS should remain under the auspices of the USDA. He said, "It is important to point out that the Plum Island Animal Disease Center was created ... in 1954 as the only laboratory in the U.S. where foot and mouth disease and other highly contagious diseases could be studied... APHIS conducts diagnostic [tests] on highly contagious diseases of livestock at Plum Island [and] conducts training of veterinarians from the U.S. and abroad, in the recognition and diagnosis of most foreign animal diseases. This is an activity outside the main scope of the proposed Department of Homeland Security..."

"Plum Island Animal Disease Center was created... as the only laboratory in the U.S. where... highly contagious diseases could be studied."

He went on to suggest, "All agricultural port inspection could be transferred to the Border and Transportation Security Division of the Department of Homeland Security. Their duties are quite integrated [with] the customs service of the Department of Justice, and they are already co-located at sea, land and air ports of entry...

"There is a need to have Emergency Management veterinarians co-located with FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] to coordinate their assistance in disasters of any origin where animals are involved."

Torres pointed out that the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) were keeping their own autonomy while the president was proposing additional funding for them so they might work closely with Homeland Security. Torres added, "Exactly the same arguments could be made regarding the USDA's laboratory facilities and program at Ames, Iowa, and Plum Island, N.Y. There is no difference in mission and activities between the CDC/NIH laboratories for human health and the [Ames, Iowa] and Plum Island Animal Disease Center laboratories of APHIS for animal health. They both provide the scientific basis for surveillance, early detection and responses for either human or animal diseases... Thus the integration of the diagnostic laboratories from the state Departments of Agriculture with USDA will more than justify keeping the critical animal and plant federal laboratories under the USDA."

Underlying the transfer of Plum Island from the USDA to Homeland Security is the fear that in the very near future the lab will be raised from a BioSafety Level 3 to BioSafety Level 4. A Level 3 lab handles diseases that are peculiar to animals alone; a level 4 lab researches diseases that can strike both humans and animals, such as anthrax.

About three years ago, there was a definite push by the USDA to raise Plum Island to Level 4. There was great opposition on Long Island to this, especially on the East End. Plum Island is but a few miles off the tip of the North Fork. The "upgrading" from level 3 to Level 4 did not go through, though many government officials made it plain that the proposal remained on the table.

At this summer's hearings, USDA Secretary Veneman said that the government has earmarked $23 million for a Level 4 upgrade at Plum Island.

At present there are only four Level 4 labs in the country: the CDC in Atlanta; the U.S. Army facility at Fort Detrick, Maryland; the National

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Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland; and at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

A coincidence that places an increased worry over terrorism as well as the background of present director of Plum Island, Dr. David Huxsoll, may make the path to Level 4 less difficult for the government to enact.

Huxsoll was the commander of Fort Detrick from 1983-1990. (Before President Richard Nixon officially ended America's biowarfare program in the '70s, that program was run out of Fort Detrick.) In 1991, Huxsoll led an American biowarfare inspection team in Iraq.

Biowarfare and ways to confront it are clearly on Huxsoll's agenda. In 1997, he proposed a national diagnostic veterinary network for bioterrorism. The Department of Justice, the Department of Energy, the Department of Energy and the USDA all expressed great interest. Funds were allotted to study the matter, though funding dried up in 2000. But interest was revived after 9/11.

With his background, it was not surprising Huxsoll's name surfaced in the FBI's vestigation of the anthrax mailing of the autumn of 2001. One of the men the Bureau focused on has been Steven Hatfill, a microbiologist who was recently part of a government program to train police and firefighters to combat bioterrorism. Hatfill lost his security clearance this past March and has since been working for Louisiana State University's National Center of Biomedical Research and Training. Huxsoll had given Hatfill a recommendation for the position at the university. It was in 1999 that Hatfill, working for a defense contractor, Science Applications International, Inc, hired a scientist name William Patrick to do a study of how an attack of mailed anthrax might be carried out. Patrick had previously developed the U.S. method of distributing aerosol anthrax.

The FBI investigated many scientists who had knowledge of and access to anthrax; and, it seemed all cooperated in the investigation. More than one of the scientists questioned said one of the questions the FBI asked was: Have you worked on Plum Island? Another was: What do they do there?

The great worry from residents who are anywhere near Plum Island is: as work on the island comes under the administration of Homeland Security, will it indeed be harder to find out just what sort of work will be going on there? •

Lion (continued from page 17)

can tell they don't make anything that gets rid of fruit flies. They have things that kill aphids, caterpillars, spiders, moths, worms, grubs and so forth. But not fruit flies.

Of course, I was thinking of the future. I had, while holding my breath, dumped the overripe fruit bowl into a trash bag, taken it out of the house to the garbage bin, the fruit flies following me as if I were the pied piper, and just dumped it all there. All this to ward off future fruit fly attacks.

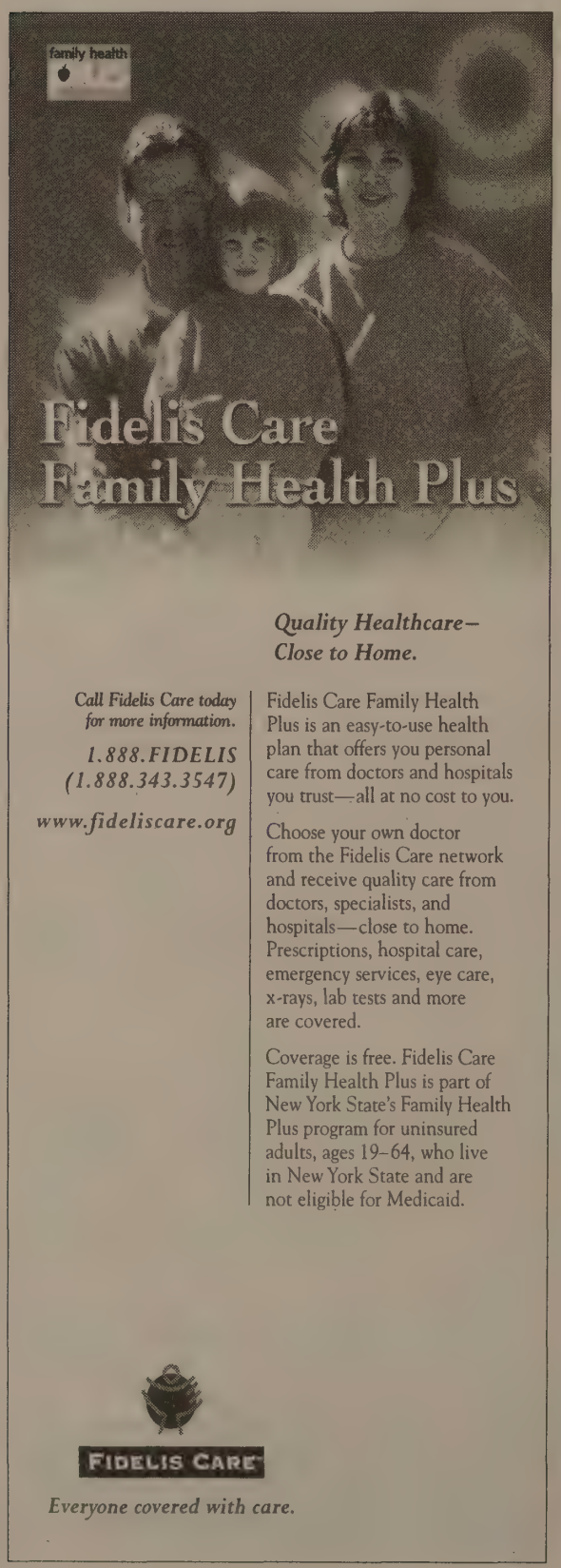
Anybody have any suggestions? And don't tell me about the Avon Skin-So-Soft you put on the back of your knees to ward bugs away at the beach. Where do fruit flies come from, anyway? My observation is that they just appear from nowhere. Hmmmm.

Anyway, a reporter for *The New York Times* asked a local animal behaviorist in Kenya about Kamuniak during that time she was so cuddly and loveable with all her oryxes.

"This lion had to have had a temporary mental disorder," said Ditte Dahl Lisbjerg at the Unesco Nairobi office. "To understand this, we'd have to study the history of this lioness. We'd have to put her on the couch."

I can tell you that the smacking of the house fly in my kitchen — something totally irrational since it deprived me of the only way of getting rid of the fruit flies, I know — was from something in me that goes way back, back to my ancestor the caveman, Mel Brooks.

Why did I do it? Ask him. •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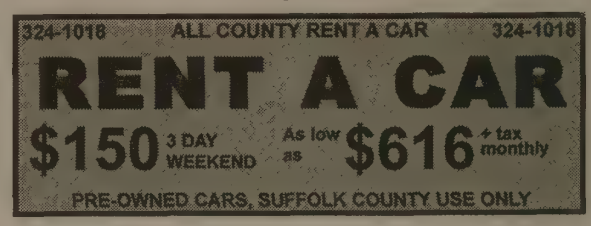

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The Sheltered Islander By Sally Flynn

#228 Deck the Halls, Check the Balls

Right about now every woman I know is experiencing one of two emotions:

Incredible relief because she just found the boxes with the Christmas decorations, or incredible panic because she can't find the boxes with the Christmas decorations.

I was in the incredible panic zone till last Sunday. I was visiting my mother and happened to mention that I was going nuts (too late to worry about that...) because I had torn up two closets, my basement and even under my bed and still couldn't find the two big boxes with all the lights and decorations. She told me that's because I had such a hard time finding them last year, that I had stored them in her big basement so I would know where they were this year... What a brilliant idea! I wish I had remembered it sooner! We went downstairs and found everything immediately, so now I have moved to the incredible relief zone.

It's great opening up your box of decorations. Decorations carry such memories! First you have a few things from your life B.K. (Before Kids). This reminds you of way back when you had things like; money, a body that could be seen naked without anyone throwing up - including yourself, personal freedom to do what YOU liked on the weekend and other faint memories of your life B.K. You might have a few special ornaments from your first married Christmas, back when he still knew a new toaster was NOT a legitimate Christmas gift.

Carefully packed in the decorations box are the special things from the kids. I have a genuine Christmas tree ornament covered with macaroni noodles painted gold, with many noodles now missing in action. A cardboard lamb with cotton ball fur, a cardboard gingerbread man with one remaining glued on gumdrop. I mean hey, where can you buy a golden macaroni noodle Christmas tree ornament that says, "Mary Chismas" on it? Not in Macy's, I guarantee it.

If you're not sure what your true style is, you can tell by the ornaments you've bought over the years. Everything I have fits in the Victorian mode, proving that I have sophisticated taste. Of course, there's a few exceptions like; the Star Trek things, and the Shell ornaments from Cornucopia, and the aqua, green and pink wooden crab ornament that I love. I'm not sure if the miniature trains count as Victorian. I think I can also rule out the dinosaur ornament collection my son loves. But if you stop and think about it, there is something about an elegant Victorian red silk tassel, a green wooden crab, a blue sparkling stegosaurus and a Romulan battle cruiser that all works together as a theme...not right away of course, it's kinda a Zen thing... you have to stare at it awhile and wait for enlightenment. I'm usually fairly enlightened by the third nog. Of course, you have to add in the new stuff you got this year, it's just the American way of life, plus - it was on sale.

Lights: I try so hard to coil them and tie them with twisties so they don't become a massive clump of endless green web. I don't know why someone has not yet invented stickies lights. I just want to open a box of lights, no wires, and throw them by the handfuls at the tree and have them stick where they hit and be lit where they light.

I remember when I was a kid and I used to count up how many presents I got. My kids do that now, so on top of choosing gifts, I have to do math in Toys R Us to make sure they have the same amount of things. The worst fear as a parent is spending a lot of money on what they swore they wanted more than anything in the world only two weeks before Christmas, and then hearing them on Christmas morning saying, "Why did you get this? I don't want this!" And people wonder how child abuse can happen?

I ran out of the last of my real tinsel last year, so I have to use the new mylar tinsel this year. Too bad. One year, my mother left her stripped, but tinseled tree, behind a shed in the back yard. In the spring, she noticed all these glittering birds nests all over her property. They had woven the tinsel into their nests, proving that even a bird brain can see the value of good old fashioned tinsel.

There was something so special about the old Christmas' of my childhood with real tinsel, and the real white hot Christmas bulbs that burned you if you touched them, and the hot bubble lights and finding bits of ribbon candy stuck to your socks. I remember stringing cranberries and what popcorn we didn't eat. I still love the colored popcorn balls, not only were they delicious, but so easy to stick to the backs of my brother's heads as they passed by me in the hall...

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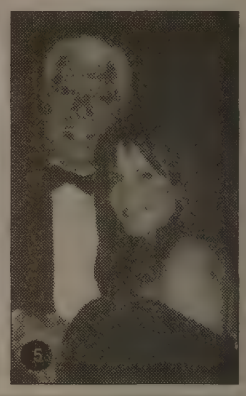
SLE LUPUS FOUNDATION

The SLE Lupus Foundation had its annual black tie gala on December 5th at the New York Marriott Marquis. It was a rough night to get around as the storm dumped six inches of snow on the city. *The Today Show's* Katie Couric, MC of the event, told a very funny story that started the evening off on a light note. The Lupus Foundation honored business leader, Mike Steinberg, who accepted the award with his wife and four daughters. One of them has been stricken with systemic lupus. Orny Adams, who was profiled in Jerry Seinfeld's documentary, *Comedian,* had been using a Lupus joke in his routines at comedy clubs across the country. He gave a comic video tribute. SLE Board member, Denise Wohl, worked tirelessly and successfully to get friends to fill the tables at this important charity event.



SHIELD INSTITUTE GALA

As *The Soprano's* Lorraine Bracco told the attendees, "when I was asked to make the presentation at the Shield Institute, I thought I was giving medals to policemen!" If the Shield Institute was unheralded before, this is changing as celebrities are bringing media exposure. Shield focuses on assisting children with mental retardation and developmental difficulties.

1. Bob Larimer, Riki Kane Larimer 2. Lorraine Bracco, Steve Green, Penny Marshall 3. Soprano and still not whacked "Artie Buco" and "Furio" 4. Neil and Leba Sadaka with the Lazars

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Photos and Text by Lise Visser

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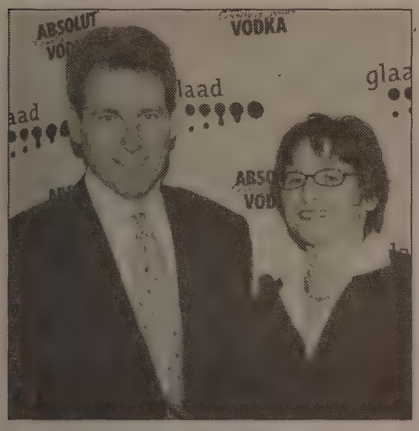
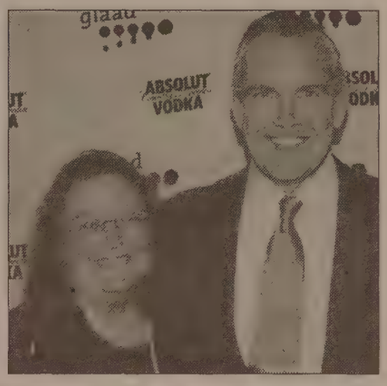
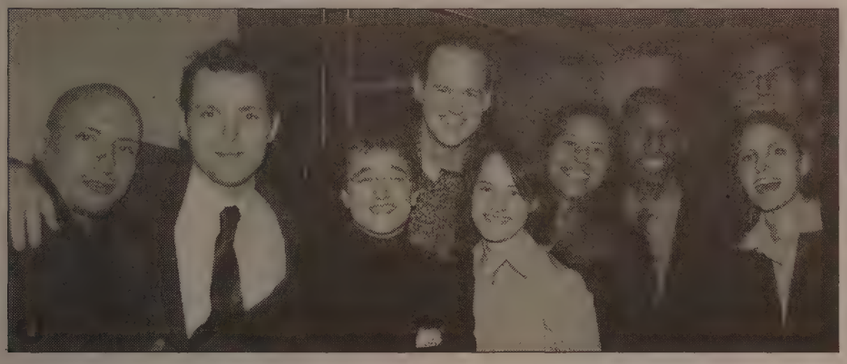
1. Haley Lund and Santa 2. Agawam Engine Company 3. The Company Commander 4. *Dan's Papers'* Michael Paraskevas 5. Officer Ted Raffel's holiday smile 6. Southampton's tree and carolers

GLAAD FAIRNESS AWARDS

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) honored American Express and Scripps Networks at their seventh annual Fairness Awards. John D. Hayes of American Express, and Ed Spray of Scripps Networks were honored for their long-term commitment to GLAAD. The Fairness Awards honor institutions and individuals who have taken active, front-line positions in the battle for fair, accurate and inclusive representation of lesbians and gay men. GLAAD Executive Director Joan Garry was on hand to congratulate them.







1. John D. Hayes, Betsy Billard (Co-chair) 2. Steve Seidman, Joan M. Garry, Carol Rosenfeld 3. Sylvia Bogelman, Kevin Oldis 4. Eileen Opatut, Gordon Elliot (Food Network) 5. Cathy Renna (News Media Director), Jason Burlingame (Director of Special Events) Margaret Crisostomo surrounded by the GLAAD staff 6. John Hadity, Gwen Marcus (co-chairs NY Leadership Council GLAAD), Carl Fischer 7. Ed Spray (President Scripps Networks) 8. Allan Sapolnick, Stuart Sussman, Johnny Gonzales, Elizabeth Parr, Frank Antonetti

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SEAN SCANLON'S 15TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Photos and text by Kelly Marcioch

This annual party was a benefit for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. The Lone Sharks rocked all night. Festivities lasted for hours while guests danced the evening away.

1. Julie Parker, Sean Scanlon and Guest 2. Vinnie Mazzeo, Roseanna and Steve Sheades 3. The Lone Sharks – Chris Ripley, Tony Campo, Paul Scher, Gene Casey and Joe Lauro 4. Linda Muse, Jeff Grazino, Theresa Branca, Laura Carlisle and Jackie Worth

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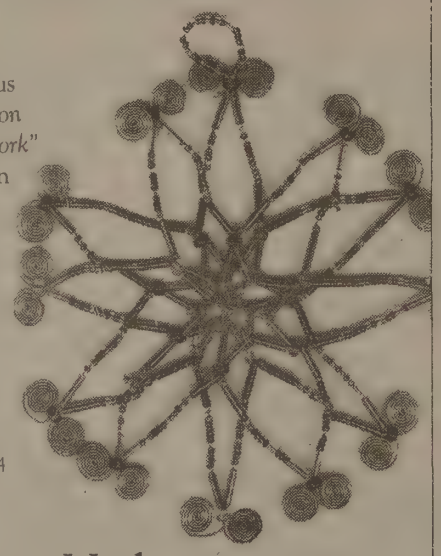
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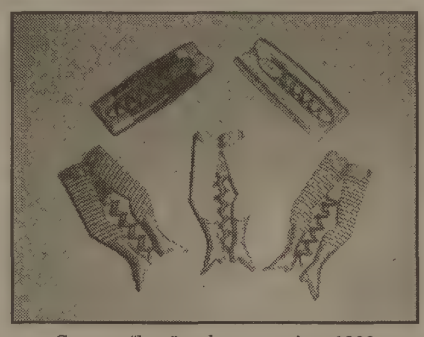
Turning a Different Screw

Though Henry James wasn't referring to the sort of screws that open wine bottles in the title of his 1898 novel – a book full of endless sexual innuendoes – the corkscrew had already been around for a century.

Contrary to what wine enthusiasts might automatically think –sometimes we struggle with thinking outside the bottle, so to speak – the English, not the French, were the first to seal early wine bottles using cork imported from Spain and Portugal. And the corkscrew, not surprisingly, was first patented in England at the turn of the 18th century.



German "legs" corkscrews, circa 1900

The earliest corkscrews, unlike today's cutting edge implements, were nothing fancier than screws, or "worms," as the curly metal parts are still called, with simple wooden handles at the tops. But right around the time James' published his famous tome, a corkscrew heyday was in full bloom. Men were scrambling with each other over myriad patents, including many for corkscrews. In fact, over 300 corkscrew patents were registered between 1795 and the beginning of the 20th century, and it is these that have become the quest of antique corkscrew collectors the world over today.

In 1882, a German fellow by the name of Karl Wienke invented the first single lever, or waiter's style, corkscrew, a design that is still very popular. The double-winged lever corkscrew (the one people who can't, ahem, wield a waiter's type still favor), was patented shortly after Wienke's version by Englishman H.S. Heeley.

These 1890s breakthroughs inspired turn-of-the-century whimsical renditions of the useful instruments, not the least amusing of which were the "legs," novelty corkscrews made popular in Germany. The makers, it appears from the designs, lacked the Victorian prudishness of James' circle, even though they seem to have confused their genders.

But it took an American, in 1900, to come up with a clever combination corkscrew/bottle opener. Finally, not only could both beer and wine drinkers happily coexist, but the stage was set for the modern marvels to come.

Corkscrews, whether antique or cutting edge, make great gifts for wine lovers, and there are many options and price ranges. If you're looking for an antique, try shopping at www.bacchus-antiques.com. They have an impressive collection ranging from 6 pounds to 3150 pounds (don't panic, the website will do the currency conversion for you). For more modern instruments, the **Wine Enthusiast**, publisher of the eponymous magazine, is available online at www.wineenthusiast.com and offers five different types of corkscrews from which to choose, including the lever, waiter, and stationary styles below.

The old double-lever style scaled new heights with the introduction of The Rabbit. As its name suggests, the precision action of this product is "lightning fast," and it will pull a cork in 3 seconds flat. It even ejects the cork from the "worm" automatically. The rubber grips are ergonomically designed and it comes with its own foil cutter. Black or silver models sell for $59.95 and a die-cast version, a nice compliment to Calphalon cookware, sells for $89.95.

"The Rabbit" lever-style corkscrew

For over five centuries, craftsmen of Laguiole in France have created prestigious handmade cutlery. The Original Chateau Corkscrew, a waiter style, is equipped with a triple riveted stainless steel micro-serrated blade, and an oak barrel that has been stained with French wine. Including leather pouch, it sells for $79.95.

Stationary corkscrews, which are mounted either on a wall or horizontal surface, come in ornate, antiqued finishes as well as sleeker, retro ones. The Contemporary Wine Opener is plated with polished chrome and either clamps to a counter or can be displayed on its own stand. If you have a Dualit toaster and a DeLonghi espresso maker in your kitchen, this is the cork puller for you. Retails for $69.95.

Coming Next Week: Spotlight on North Fork photographer whose work is gracing the labels of a very "local" wine. Cheers.

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North Fork's Critics Choice

North Fork Best Of The Best Winners
A-Appetizers, B-Brunch, C-Chicken Dish, D-Crab Cakes, E-Desserts, F-Duck Dish, G- Family Restaurant H-French Onion Soup, I-Lamb Dish, J-Latin Cuisine, K-Live Entertainment, L-Lobster Dish, M-New Chef, N-New Restaurant, Cuisine, R-Salad, S-Seafood Restaurant, T-Soft Shell Crab, U-Take-Out, V-Wine List, W-Wraps

Amazon Grill. The flavors of South and Central America, and Mexico visit the North Fork in owner Marshall Bonnes' small, kaleidoscopic dining room. Ecuadorian chef Pepe Munoz is a wizard with chicken and steak but fajita wraps are his signature. His exciting menu pays equal attention to the familiar (nachos grande), exotic (Brazilian skewered shrimp) and slightly incongruous (Greek salad). Steak Amazonia, marinated and quickly grilled tops a long list of savory and inexpensive dishes. Quesadillas, tacos and nachos available in numerous combinations. Ideal for take-out. No liquor. Entrees $7.95-$12.95 Waldbaum's Shopping Center, Mattituck. 298-5400. (Simm, 2/15/02). [J,W]

Antares Café. Named for a brilliant star in the Scorpius constellation, this is one of the brightest stars in the North Fork restaurant firmament. Chef/owner Matt Murphy's stylish, art-filled dining room offers highly ambitious and creative dishes. The appetizers alone merit a visit and the entrees make you quickly forget the appetizers. The menu changes frequently, reflecting the freshest ingredients available, but the sublime roasted mussel appetizer can usually be found. Also keep a lookout for seared foie gras; hot-smoked salmon with a chickpea pancake and Long Island duck confit. Entrees $18-$28. Brewer Yacht Yard, Greenport. 477-8839. (Simm, 6/28/02.) [P]

Cooperage Inn. Chefs Liamo and Hegeman carry the banner of North Fork cuisine. Freshness of local ingredients evident in every bite, produce comes from neighboring farmstands. Inspired appetizers, topped by pan-seared fresh mozzarella over spinach with artichoke hearts and plum tomatoes. Homemade dressings enliven fresh salads, notably the house salad of greens, fruits, raisins and nuts. Superb steaks and pastas. Rigatoni ala vodka with pancetta, basil and sage, particularly noteworthy. Cornmeal encrusted Atlantic salmon attains a very high level. Excellent values include grilled double pork chops atop wild mushroom herb stuffing. Owner Jonathan Perkins' stylish country restaurant is a North Fork gem. Entrees $14-$30. Sound Ave. Baiting Hollow. 727-8994. (Simm, 6/29/01). [B]

Do Little's . Very welcoming and unpretentious. An excellent menu for diners interested in fresh, smartly prepared dishes that are not calorically trumped up. Thai mussels in ginger/lemongrass broth hit the mark. Excellent pasta dishes, headlined by justifiably famous Seafood Pasta in white wine sauce, filled with mussels, clams and shrimp over linguine with fresh tomatoes and spinach. Stuffed ravioli with sun-dried tomatoes and mozzarella is beautifully done. Sensibly priced wine list, with a knowing nod to local vintages. Entrees, $12.95-$19.95. Rt. 25, Mattituck Plaza, Mattituck. 298-4000. (Bradbrook, 7/28/01). [G]

Fauna. A hip and elegant culinary gem. Co-owner and consulting chef Mark Mittelman's menu astutely incorporates Asian influences into superbly conceived New American dishes. Tuna sashimi shines as an appetizer, as does duck confit atop sautéed spinach with walnuts and dried cranberries. Try and find room for the butternut squash pot stickers. The all-star cast of entrees includes Southeast Asian steak salad, pan-roasted bourbon chicken and a Napoleon of roasted vegetables. Desserts rotate daily. Extensive wine list with sixteen local vineyards. Entrees $20-$26. Route 25, Aquebogue. 722-5813. (Trueman-Honey, 6/7/02). [A,F]

Ile de Beaute. In a beautiful old house with courtyard tables, the spirit of Provence is alive in Greenport with French music, French accents and highly authentic French cuisine. Its treatment of classics like escargots, French onion soup and frogs legs runs the gamut from superb to extraordinary. Rack of lamb, served with a rosemary sauce reduction, is masterly. Desserts are tasty and the crepe options are best-expressed in exponential notation. Service is deliberate but attentive. Entrees $24-$35. 345 Main Street, Greenport. 477-2822. (Bradbrook, 7/12/02). [D,H,I]

La Plage. Obscure geography, sensational cuisine. This sums up owner/chef Wayne Wadington's destination restaurant on Long Island Sound, north of the tiny village of Wading River. No expense spared in the acquisition of top ingredients. Complex recipes spell highly creative fusion cuisine: New American in heart, French in spirit. Many highlights include: Chilled lobster soup garnished with roe; salad of tart apples with bleu cheese, walnuts and mache; rare yellowfin tuna with homemade potato chips; caramelized jumbo sea scallops with snow crab fritter. Desserts are imaginative and exceptionally well executed. Entrees $17-$28. 744-9200. (Bradbrook, 8/4/00). [R,V]

Pagano's. Italian cooking of a high order in a casual atmosphere, with servings large enough to include take-out. Imported Italian pasta and top-quality cheeses ensure that familiar dishes achieve memorability. Savory sauces are just unrecognizable enough to tantalize. Joe Pagano's restaurant is a North Fork standard-bearer, but Chef Frank Huber is known to experiment, with excellent results. His blackened chicken vino pairs Italian and Cajun flavors. Save room for desserts like

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What's Happening On The North Fork

Big Event of the Week

Well, actually it's the big event of the season for many of us. Yes, I'm referring to holiday shopping. We are, all of us, creatures of habit, and so it does not come naturally to explore new places. But two new shops in Mattituck Village are top-flight, and they are offering specials not available anywhere else on the North Fork.

La Ferme de la Mer on the corner of Love Lane and the Main Road, which specializes in everything French, is having a blowout sale on a set of stainless steel Laguiole steak knives from France. Entirely handmade by Arbalete G. David, these beauties normally retail for $248. Sale price: $110 the set. This shop is charming and redolent of lavender, and you will find gifts for almost everyone on your list at great prices.

Right next door, the Mattituck version of Southampton's **Village Cheese Shop** offers gift baskets and many imported specialty items perfectly suitable for the gourmets on your list. Ricardo or Rosemary will be happy to make suggestions. The emphasis here is on customer service and quality, increasingly rare commodities in today's frenzied world, but not, fortunately, here on the beautiful North Fork.

–S.W.Simm

FRIDAY, 13

A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2002 – A modern adaptation of Dickens' classic, performed by Vision Theatre, Main St., Riverhead. Performances at 8 pm. Tickets $15.

Buffet dinner available Sat. & Sun. for $27. 369-4115. Runs through December 21.

WOMEN ON FIRE – Vail-Leavitt Theatre Company in Riverhead presents the Long Island premiere of this play that's destined for Off-Broadway. Performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. $15 general admission, $12 for students/seniors. Call 369-4661.

SATURDAY, 14

HOLIDAY PARTY AND BOOK TALK – By Elinor DeWire, author of *Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Coast*, at Atlantis Marine World. Aquarium admission, shows, and food included in package. Call for prices, 207-4331.

"CELEBRATE AND DECORATE" – Children's Program at the Red House in Orient at11 a.m. Sponsored by the North Fork Audubon Society. Call 323-0103

SUNDAY, 15

FEMALE MONOLOGUE WORKSHOP – >From 4 to 6 p.m. at the Vail-Leavitt Theatre Music Hall's Mini-Cine in Riverhead. Bring written works for submission and workshop. $10 admission. Call 369-4661.

SYMPHONY SUNDAY - Classical piano music, noon to 4 p.m at Castello di Borghese/Hargrave Vineyard, North Road, Cutchogue. 734-5111

MONDAY, 16

CHRISTMAS PARTY – At Soundview Restaurant in Greenport at 6:30 p.m. One-hour open bar, dinner, and music by DJ Ed Wright. $35 admission. Call 734-5050. Sponsored by Cutchogue and Southold Chambers of Commerce.

VOLUNTEER PARTY – First Night Greenport will host a Volunteer Kick-Off party at 6 pm at the Café at Peconic Landing, Greenport. Call 988-8372.

GALLERIES/EXHIBITIONS

YELLOW HOUSE WORKS OF ART – "Mixed Messages," a new collection of original artists' signatures from the late 20th Century. Through December 29. First Street, Greenport. Call 477-8673.

HOLIDAY GROUP SHOW AT *ART SITES* – Works of local artists at gallery in Greenport through December 16. Painting, pottery, textiles and photographs. Call 477-1424.

GALLERY M – Distinctive contemporary crafts. Located in Greenport at 308 Main Street. Call 477-9496.

WHITNEY ART WORKS – Holiday Salon show through Dec. 22. A holiday blockbuster of work from 12 different artists. Call 477-0745. Located at 414 First Street in Greenport.

IMAGE GALLERY – Ray Germann's exhibition of large black and white photos, entitled "Waterscapes," is on display through December 31. Gallery hours are 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 369-2854

North Fork Critic's Choice (continued from previous page)

Italian cheesecake and crème brulee. Entrees $12.95-$18.95. Feather Hill Shopping Center, Southold. 765-6109. (Trueman-Honey, 4/26/02). [C]

Red Door. Red Alert! Stephan Mazzella, formerly of L'Espinasse, has opened a fine new restaurant in Mattituck. His menu is quite versatile and his consistently tasty dishes excite the palate. Typically adventurous and successful is the pan-seared monkfish with a yellow tuna sauce and black olive purée topped by crispy fried leeks. Mazzella's treatment of fish epitomizes Greek and Italian-style preparation at its best. The appetizer of heirloom tomatoes with boccocini mozzarella and fresh basil and balsamic vinegar is a tomato dish for the ages. Innovative desserts, too. Entrees – $16–$28. 13560 Main Rd., Mattituck. 298-4800. (Bradbrook, 6/14/02). [E,N]

Ross' Rotisserie and Smokehouse. A casual, homey eat-in or take-out spot opened by John Ross, former chef/owner of Ross' North Fork Restaurant. Great rotisserie and crispy fried chicken; marinated, honey-glazed duck legs; hickory-smoked spareribs; homemade soups and chowders; many cooked-from-scratch side dishes. Every Friday fish fry is an excellent value. A special 6-pound LI duck, cooked crisp, boned and quartered, accompanied by duck sauce and a garnish of apricots and cranberries ($19.99) is available by reservation the day before. Open 7 days 12-8. Route 48, Southold, 765-9655. (Simm, 10/5/01). [U]

The Seafood Barge. The North Fork restaurant for fish lovers. Owner/manager team of Dick Ehrlich and Betsey Flinn are as fanatical about results as Steinbrenner/Torre. Newly imported executive chef Michael Meehan updates the menu's standards and introduces several of his own specialties. Vichyssoise spiked with crab meat and basil oil was a rousing success. Marinated baby octopus with baby spinach was succulent and tender. As for the fish, the sushi appetizer continues to be stellar. The pan-seared striped bass with a red pepper broth is a revelation. Desserts are sensational. Excellent wine list, particularly local vintages. Entrees $24-$32. Port of Egypt Marina, Rt. 25, Southold. 765-3010. (Bradbrook, 7/26/02). [M,S]

Sultan's Kitchen. At last, a good, authentic Eastern Mediterranean for the region. The emphasis is on Turkish cooking, one of the world's healthiest cuisines. The spacious dining room is non-descript, as this is a former pancake emporium; the subtleties are all in the flavoring of the food. Soups such as red lentil and tripe are spiced just right. The varied appetizers favor vegetarians while the main courses concentrate on lamb and chicken, often with delectable results. Turkish baklava and kadayif are exceptional finishing touches. Entrees $6.50-$15.95. 1077 Old Country Road, Riverhead. 369-9766. (Bradbrook, 8/9/02.)

Touch of Venice. Very good Italian cuisine in a delightful setting on Mattituck Inlet. Named appropriately for its location and a large wall mural dominating the dining room, this is family dining par excellence with a sophisticated ambience. Among the kitchen's highlights: Orient Point oysters, chilled but not icy; baby spinach salad with gorgonzola; black angus porterhouse. Manicotti in a fresh, simple tomato sauce is among the pasta highlights. Lobster meat, a frequent special is an exciting dish of imaginative complexity. Cold seafood bruschetta is another special to watch for. Entrees $16-$34. Wickham Avenue at Matt-A-Mar-Marina, Mattituck. 298-5851. (Bradbrook, 8/16/02). [L]

–Written and compiled by Bob Ballot

Off To New York.... By David Lion Rattiner

Argument

On Tuesday, I was on the train on my way to work with the usual crowd of angry people. Everyday millions of people pile onto the subway systems of New York everyday and travel to all different parts of the city, some of them for more than an hour, just to get to work. However, this subway ride was a little different.

Because it is my last week at MTV, I figured that it would be a good idea to get to work an hour early in order to leave a good impression. So, instead of heading to work at 8:30 a.m., I left an hour earlier. This hour of the day witnesses a completely different crowd on the subway because many school children are heading to school.

It's an amusing scene. I had no idea that children even existed in Manhattan, let alone were allowed to ride the subway. I can honestly say that during my three month stay in Manhattan, I had not seen a kid under the age of twelve years old and over the age of six years old until this point. It seems like Manhattan is filled with perpetually young babies and three year olds in strollers that crazy moms use to plow their way through closing subway doors. This practice also baffles me. What if the subway door fails and crushes the stroller? I am also baffled with how people are willing to risk instantaneous de-limb-ination. But that is a whole different story.

In any event, I was standing next to these two boys who were dressed in their school uniforms. They were having an argument on the existence of Santa Claus.

Boy #1: I'm telling you he doesn't exist. It is not possible to deliver that many toys in just one night.

Boy#2: That just is not true. Why would they say that there is a Santa if there really isn't one?

Boy#1: It's a huge conspiracy. Everyone is in on it except for the kids. I'm thinking about writing a letter to the president.

Boy#2: Well I think that he does exist. Every year more presents are under the tree when I wake up. I stay up all night waiting for him to show but I always miss him. My parents are always in bed when I'm up. There is no way they bring them out that late.

Boy#1: So you think that a big fat guy walks in and puts him there? Just look at the simple math. How can you deliver that many presents to that many kids in the world?

Boy#2: Maybe you are right.

At this point I decided to step in.

Me: Excuse me. I couldn't help overhearing you two talking about Santa Claus. You really think that he doesn't exist?

Boy#1: I am almost certain of it.

Me: You know I used to be a lot like you. I got skeptical around your age. It is hard to believe what the guy does in one night. (Long pause.) But then I did a little research and reality kicked in.

Boy#1and #2: What happened?

Me: Well I decided when I was fifteen to take a trip up there. I found a ticket on British Airways to the North Pole online and I bought it.

Boy #2: And you went?

Me: Of course. Everything is there, just like they tell you. There is a factory as far as the eye can see and a huge mansion where Santa lives and hangs out. There is also this impressive little city where all of the elves live. The size of it is enormous, almost the size of Manhattan. It really is something. I mean, you gotta keep in mind the tremendous operation that they pull off every year.

Boy #1: Yeah, how do they do it?

Me: Isn't it hard to believe that both you and I can send a package to the other side of the country in just one day and we don't have to do anything except put it in the mail? That is kind of how Santa operates, except on an even bigger level. You also have to put into the equation the incredible speed that his reindeer can reach. They can travel up to Mach 45. That's 45 times faster than the speed of sound. It is like the Almighty invented them just for Santa, which obviously he did because there are only about 15 in existence to date and Santa Corp owns all of them.

Boy#1: Yeah, but even with that I don't think he could do it.

Me: Remember kid, he is not doing this alone. Hundreds of thousands of elves dedicate their whole lives to the successful completion of gift delivering on Christmas Eve. It's live or die for these guys. Look at it this way. Would President Bush be able to be all over the world giving speeches the way that he does all by himself?

Boy #1: No

Me: Exactly. He has thousands of people working for him to take care of these things for him. His job is just to give the speeches; it's the same thing with Santa. All he does is drop some presents under a tree. Each house can take less than five seconds if done correctly. If you don't believe me, you should really go see for yourselves. However, it is kind of tricky to get to the North Pole these days and it's also really expensive. I'd wait until the airline industry falls out of its slump before you even attempt to look for a ticket.

The two boys looked at each other dumbfounded. At this point, the train came to halt at 42nd street and I walked off. It was time to get to work.

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Day By Day

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FRIDAY, 13

CAFFE LAB IN SAG HARBOR – North Sea Poetry Reading and open mikes for poets to step up and read. From 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Sag Harbor. Call 204-1240.

"THE GREATEST GIFT" – Living Water Full Gospel Church presents "The Greatest Gift," a holiday performance featuring recording artists Bill and Rene Morris at Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and children under 12. Call 722-4969 ext. 203.

TEEN PARTY – Parties at Hampton Bays Community Center and Bridgehampton Community Center from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. include free pizza and beverages. Dance to the music of DJ Koz and DJ Bangin'. Call 287-5734 ext. 133.

SATURDAY, 14

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT HAMPTON DAY SCHOOL – Co-ed volleyball tournament at 3 p.m. in Bridgehampton. Call 631-793-8345. Weekend tournaments through December 14.

PSYCHIC READING – Internationally acclaimed healer and psychic, Amy R. Beller, will be at Gurney's Inn in Montauk to give readings. Starting at 11:00 a.m.

BARCELONA PARK – East Hampton Trails Preservation Society leads a three mile hike across the dunes and views of Northeast Creek and Northwest Harbor. Meet at Sag Harbor golf course at 10:00 a.m.

KAYAK SALE – New and used kayaks and accessories liquidation sale from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at East Coast Adventure Tour Co on 3253 noyac Road in Sag Harbor. Call 725-7227.

CANIOS BOOKS IN SAG HARBOR – Rudy Hoglund discusses his book, *Peterson's Birds*, with world renowned birder Roger Tory Peterson at 6:00 p.m. Call 725-4926. Located at 290 Main Street.

AT BOOKHAMPTON – Author Gregory Maguire will read from his new best selling novel, *Lost*, at the East Hampton location at 5:30 p.m. Located on 20 Main Street. Call 324-4939.

DO AS YOU LIKE BUS TRIP – Friends of the Montauk Library are taking a trip for a day in the city. A fee of $25 provides transportation. Call 668-3377.

ROUND THE POINT HIKE – From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Group for the South Fork will lead a hike around Montauk Point on the Money Pond trail. Call 537-1400 ext. 26.

CEDAR POINT PARK EXCURSION – From noon to 2:00 p.m. the Southampton Trails Preservation Society will lead a four to five mile hike by scenic bluffs on Gardener's Bay. Optional hike to the lighthouse. Meet at park entrance check-in station on Cedar Point Road off Alewive Brook Road in East Hampton. Call 725-5861.

"THE GREATEST GIFT" – Living Water Full Gospel Church presents "The Greatest Gift," a holiday performance featuring recording artists Bill and Rene Morris at Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and children under 12. Call 722-4969 ext. 203.

SUNDAY, 15

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OPERA SCENES – The Siena Spirituality Center presents scenes from *L'Enfant et les Sortileges*, *Die Zauberflote*, *Don Giovanni*, and others at 2:00 p.m. Suggested donation of $15. Call 726-4740.

LONG POND GREENBELT WALK – From 10:00 a.m. to noon the Southampton Trails Preservation Society leads a five mile hike along an abandoned railroad with pond views. Meet on Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike across from Scuttlehole Road in Bridgehampton. Call 725-4588.

"THE GREATEST GIFT" – Living Water Full Gospel Church presents "The Greatest Gift," a holiday performance featuring recording artists Bill and Rene Morris at Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and children under 12. Call 722-4969 ext. 203.

MONDAY, 16

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY – For $25, you can join Michelangelo Lodge # 2451 for a trip to Claridge Casino in Atlantic city. Call 283-2655.

TUESDAY, 17

MEDITATION GROUP – Learn effective techniques that can be applied in daily life for daily mediation when you are off-center. At Healing Body Works, 128 Bridgehampton turnpike. Call 204-1363

WEDNESDAY, 18

WATERFENCE – The East Hampton Trails Preservation Society leads a five to six mile walk on Serpent's Back Trail to the Waterfence overlooking Napeague bay. Meet at Hither Hills overlook in Montauk at 10:00 a.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS – Adults can socialize informally with each other while working on various arts and crafts at the East Hampton Department of Human Services Family Resource Center from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. Call 324-4947.

THURSDAY, 19

SHAKESPEARE IN SAG HARBOR– Three to fifteen year old Hayground school students will perform scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* at 12:30 and 6:00 p.m. at the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor. $5 donation suggested. Call 283-1607.

CIRCLE OF WOMAN – Refreshments served at the Siena Spirituality Center when participants discuss the book *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* and how the plot impacts lives from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Suggested donation of $5. Call 726-4740.

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FRIDAY, 13

COUNTRY HOLIDAY — Every weekend through December 22, the Southampton Chamber of Commerce has its annual "Southampton Country Holiday" in Southampton Village. Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, Elmo and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will be there, along with many other holiday characters. Hayrides, buggy rides, and Christmas Carols. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 283-0402 .

WINTER WELCOMING FESTIVAL – Join Quogue Wildlife Refuge staff and members at 7:30 p.m. with their first annual tree lighting. Songs, stories, popcorn and hot cocoa served. Call 653-4771.

SATURDAY, 14

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION – Potluck supper, candlelight ceremony, drumming, dancing and music. Bring a generous dinner for six and a drum or instrument if possible. $8 donation suggested, $2 for children. 7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Southampton. Call 283-5705.

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More Than Just Horsing Around

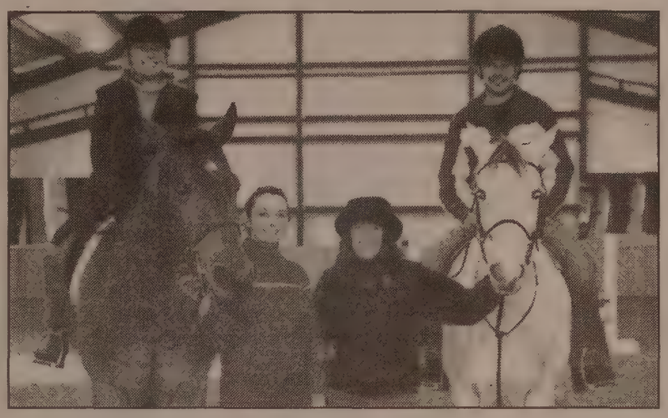
Horse Triva: *Do horses sleep standing up?*
Answer at the end of this article.

This past Friday afternoon my co-worker, James and I took a short trip by ferry over to Paard Hill Farms, on Shelter Island. The grounds were covered with snow and the roads were still a little slippery from the previous day. James had NEVER been on a horse before and I had only been a few times. Needless to say, the two of us were a tad nervous.

As we pulled up to this spectacular 36-acre equestrian facility, we were in awe of the stunning views. The architectural style of the buildings is not only aesthetically beautiful, but they are filled with state-of-the-art equipment to satisfy every horse lover's dream. Lisamarie Stackow and Laura Beth Secari, our riding instructors, greeted us upon arrival. We were escorted into the tack room and fitted for riding hats. It's important that your hat fit snug for extra protection and visual clarity. After a few tries, we both found the right fit.

Salinger was to be my lucky horse for the lesson and James was to ride Blueprint, a smaller horse. Note to self: James just happens to be a very slender guy and I fall in the weight range somewhere between Calista Flockhart and Star Jones. In this scenerio, I definitely out-weighed him and this must have been the reason they chose Salinger for me.

Off we went with Salinger and Blueprint at our sides as we walked into the indoor arena. The first thing they taught us was how to mount the horse. I'm also not very tall, just ask my mother-in-law. My 5'4" frame had to hurdle over this tremendous beautiful creature and I was a little hesitant, but it was a success. Yeh! First task accomplished. James had no problem as well. We both then went our separate ways with our instructors. James and Lisa went to one side and Laura and I to the other. The first few seconds were a little scary and then we both started to relax and enjoy the experience. We learned the basics: how to turn left, right, walk, and stop. We even learned how to trot. Everything about a horse is controlled by the reins, your posture, and pressing on your heals. The horse will not know what to do if it is not given the correct signals. The most important thing I learned was that the horse needs you to operate with the rider as a team. Horses don't want to do all the work.



Salinger was now my new best friend. I really got the hang of things in a short amount of time and we both had a lot of fun. After the lesson, we brought Salinger and Blueprint back to the stable area and took off their tacking and watched while Laura and Lisa put their harness and cross-ties on so they would be safe and secure. They also get covered in blankets to keep them warm in the colder weather. Horses are very fragile animals and are susceptible to getting sick so it's very imperative that they get exercise, have a healthy diet and remain comfortable at all times.

Before leaving James and I decided to sit in the viewing room to watch Lisa and Laura ride a few other horses. They compete as well as train and give lessons at Paard Hill, for all ages and levels of ability. At Paard, they have students in age ranging from four to eighty-two years old. They also offer an after school program as well as boarding for horses. Owners Ellen Lear and Pieter Ruig take great pride in their establishment and invite you to visit there brand new facility and indulge yourself or your children in a totally enjoyable experience.

–Kelly Marcioch

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SANTA VISITS – Santa comes to the Morris Meeting Room in Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call 283-0402 ext. 22.

TREE LIGHTING – The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling at the Greek Orthodox Church, on St. Andrew's Rd in Southampton, begins at 4:30 p.m.

DICKENS AND TEA – Enjoy tea and Charles Dickens at the Southampton Historical Museum at 3 p.m. Call 283-0402 ext. 22.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Canio's books has its customer appreciation/holiday party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Art and other items will be on display. Located at 290 Main St. in Sag Harbor. Call 725-4926.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF INNS AND HOUSES – The 14th annual event begins at Rubi Red Restaurant on Montauk Highway in East Hampton. Check in is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts served. Houses open between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Donations of $25 per person accepted. Register at 324-0362.

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PUPPET CHRISTMAS – Sag Harbor's Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre presents "The Night Before Christmas," told by a family of mice with sing-along songs at 11 a.m. $8 for adults, $7 for seniors, $4 for children under three. Call 725-4193.

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HEARTHSIDE CHEER – Come to the Victorian Decorated Rogers Mansion and Southampton Historical Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for hearthside cheer. Call 283-0402 ext. 22. Runs through December 29.

HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP – Create a unique wreath at 10 a.m. for a $30 materials fee. Call 537-3700.

EAST END ART COUNCIL'S HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE OPEN — The marketplace will be open through December 23 featuring unique arts and crafts in Riverhead. Open Monday to Saturday. Call 631-727-0900.

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HOLIDAY GOURMET – The Channing Daugthers Winery has its holiday gourmet food and wine pairing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Exquisite culinary pleasures and new wines. $45 per person. Call 537-7224.

HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR – The Hampton Day School hosts a book fair and holiday boutique from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great selection of books and crafts. Call 537-1240.

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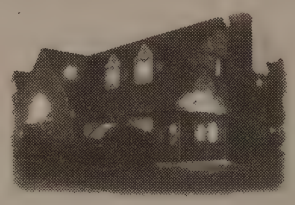
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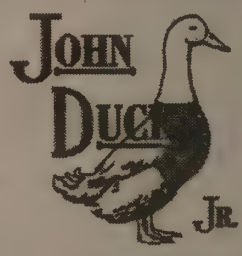

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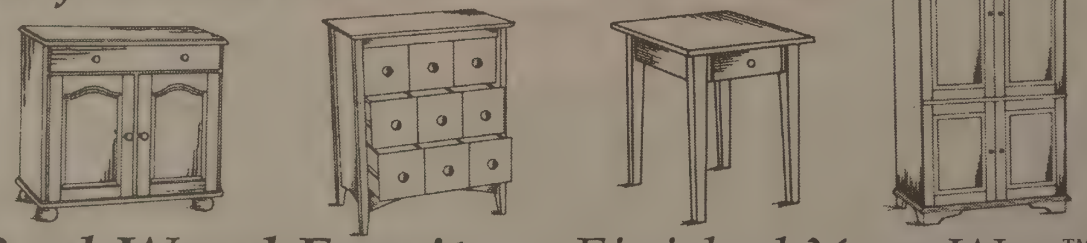
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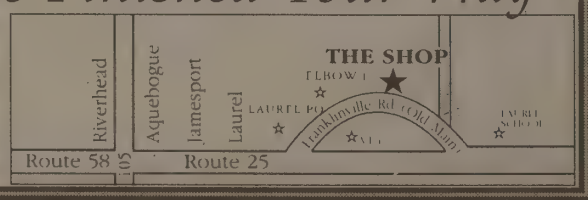

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SUNDAY, 15

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – Christmas carols, holiday raffle, live music, free buffet, and wines at The Robert S. Jackson carriage house on Windmill Lane in Amagansett from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call 267-3020.

LIGHTING CONTEST – Westhampton Beach residents and business owners will dress up their houses from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. for this first annual holiday lighting contest. Many categories involved. Winners announced on December 26. Call288-0771.

HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOP – The Parrish Art Museum invites families to create holiday gifts at 2 p.m. Design picture frames and make a Kwanzaa table centerpiece. Music and treats. $2 for members, $5 for non members. Call 283-2118 ext. 30.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – At 10:00 a.m. the First Presbyterian Church of Sag Harbor has its annual Christmas pageant. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a community candlelight service with lessons and carols. Call 725-0894.

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LODGE PARTY – Michelangelo Lodge # 2451 in Hampton Bays has its annual Christmas Party at Asaro's. $30 per person. Call 728-3379.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Children perform their Christmas pageant at Scoville Hall at Amagansett Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. Call 267-6404.

MONDAY, 16

HOLIDAY TOUR – Architecture and Design Forum celebrates the holidays from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Villa Maria in Water Mill with a close look at the building. Admission, which includes refreshments, is free to members. Non members pay $15 donation. Call 329-1950.

TUESDAY, 17

HOLIDAY PARTY – The sixth annual party at Pacific East goes from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. located at 415 Main St. in Amagansett. Call 267-7770.

WEDNESDAY, 18

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – The AAUW has its annual luncheon at Della Femina Restaurant at 1 p.m. Members, friends and neighbors are welcome. Please bring wrapped gift for need child. Call 324-2123.

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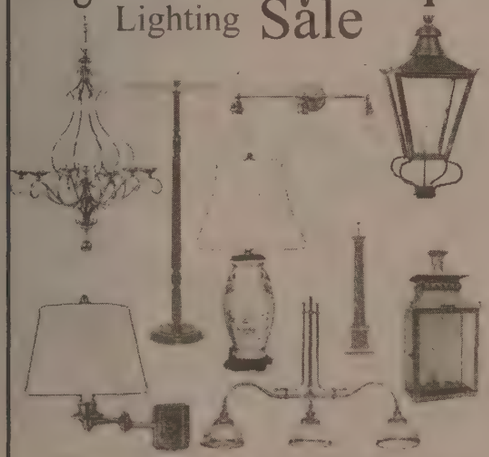
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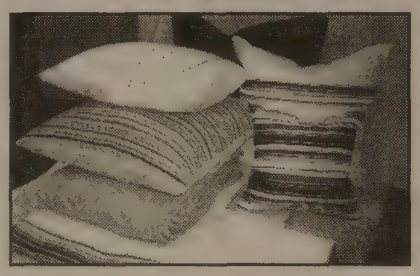
Guess What Mom Wants?

Think of Mom this holiday season. Moms everywhere are currently tying bows on your gifts and placing them under the tree – and you have left Mommy dearest till the last minute. Here is the dish on what Moms are craving from local hotspots this holiday season.

Chantecaille has become of the most talked about cosmetics and personal care lines of the year. Turpan in East Hampton stocks Chantecaille's luscious body cream in flavors inspired by the French countryside. A perfect gift for mom is the quad-pack of travel-size creams in Tiare, Darby Rose, Wisteria and Frangipane. The group retails for $75 and is touted as being one of the most luxurious women's body products around. Also at Turpan pick up Commes des Garcon fragrances including a limited edition of the popular 2 scent in an ornamental Christmas "bead" bottle.



With Mom's beauty on your mind, give the gift of relaxation. Holiday stresses and entertaining worries will fade away at Jamu, the holistic, Eastern-inspired spa in East Hampton. Along with Christy Turlington's Sundari line, they are now stocking Jurhlique products from Australia. Sign Mom up for a Rose and Lavender Aromatherapy facial. The treatment uses all Jurlique and homemade products to smooth, exfoliate and produce anti-aging benefits. The treatment includes an arm and hand massage with rose essential oils and lotions. Call Jamu for more holiday friendly, winter-proof treatments and help Mom achieve holiday bliss.

Home for the holidays has a new meaning at The Elegant John. This East Hampton mainstay for boudoir and bathroom accoutrements has lots of gifts for Moms this year. All Moms have a bedroom and a bathroom and can always use something warm and cozy for the winter. The Elegant John has wonderful down blankets and featherbeds starting at $125. They also carry the naughty and nice Body Detergents sporty bath bubbles with quirky names like Goddess, Diva and Shopaholic for different moods and personalities.

Cozyness and warmth reign at Brooklyn Handknits in Southampton. This stylish knittery has opened up shop on Main Street with gifts that Mom will love. They have beautiful striped and solid mittens beginning at $70.

Tucked in an alcove on Park Place in East Hampton, Sweet Basil is filled with fashionable, warm sweaters from France, Spain and England. New Scotland cashmere sweaters come in cable knits in every hue. Hartford sweaters from France are luxurious merino wool looks and also popular is the Louis Genero line from Spain. All sweaters are going on sale shortly, so choose something special.

Christopher Fischer, known for their elegant cashmere styles for men and women have expanded their home line this year and now have amazing cashmere pillow shams with horn buttons and blankets in mint, lavender, orange and brown. The pillow covers start at $225 and the water rising style blankets begin at $795.

For more warm gifts for Mom, Springers has an absolutely elegant Christina Oxenberg shawl made from the softest shear wool. The shawl is knit in the most delicate cables and would be beautiful as a scarf wrapped around your neck on a cold winter night or a shawl for a night out. They come in the natural ivory of the wool and the perfect holiday accessory for the Mom about town. Springers also stocks styles for Dad, including Earl Jeans for men, Etro, Paul Smith and Helmut Lang.

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Sick Of Jingle Bells? Then Try These Tunes

Nothing accompanies such holiday activities as decorating the Christmas tree and baking gingerbread men quite as well as the perfect music. Ideal holiday harmony can set the atmosphere and spread the anticipation of the upcoming festivities. Cheery and upbeat holiday tunes are great antidotes for any Scrooge that does not catch up with the spirit.

There are the classic songs, like "Silent Night," sung traditionally by a choir, and then there are modern spins of old favorites. Certain types of holiday music are perfect for all, while others fit within a certain age group. Here's an inventory of popular holiday albums that are now available.

The #1 Christmas Album – Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavorotti, Leontyne Price, Joan Sutherland, Renata Tebaldi and Kiri Te Kanawa join forces in a two disc set, with a tally of forty-two songs that combine for over 152 minutes of music. This album is fitting for classical voice lovers who are looking for beautifully vocalized versions of all types of holiday songs. Classical choir tunes like "O Come All Ye Faithful" accompany distinguished works like "Unto Us A Child is Born" by Handel, as well as pieces by Bach. The professional singers also sing fun Christmas tunes like "White Christmas" and "The 12 Days of Christmas."

Christmas With The Rat Pack – This first ever holiday compilation, in which Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra croon with Christmas cheer, is a must for Rat Pack fans. On the album are five previously unreleased tracks like Sammy's "Christmas Time All Over The World." You will enjoy the fun loving element that these guys put into each song. Classic titles accompany rare tune like Dean's "Baby, It's Cold Outside" and his duet with Frank, "A Marshmallow World," which they performed at Dean's 10th Annual Christmas Special. The album contains twenty-one classy songs.

The Ultimate R&B Christmas – The holidays cannot get much cooler when rhythm and blues legends like Nat King Cole are singing in your speaker. If they don't fill you up with Christmas excitement, then they will at least encourage you to boogie down by the tree. The twelve track album contains such groovy tunes as Al Green's rendition of "I'll Be Home For Christmas," James Brown's "It's Christmas Time (Part 1)," Otis Redding's "White Christmas Town," and the Jackson Five's "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town." Booker T. and the M.Gs, and Gladys Knight and the Pips also sing on this album that is perfect for any age group.

TRL Christmas – For the teenagers and younger crowd, this is the album that brings in the holiday spirit. Boy bands, young divas, alternative rockers, and a comedian all contribute to the sixteen track album based on MTV's popular show, "Total Request Live." The album delivers pop carols like NSYNC's "I don't Wanna Spend One More Christmas Without You" and Christina Aquilera's "Angels We Have Heard On High." Weezer performs their cartoonish version of "The Christmas Song," Saturday Night Live funny man Jimmy Fallon makes you chuckle with "Snowball," and TLC sings a melodious "Sleigh Ride."

Swinging Christmas – This Christmas album is now on every music store shelf, so break out the eggnog martinis. The eighteen tracks on this holiday release includes two by jazz great, Louis Armstrong ("Zat You Santa Claus?" and "Christmas Night in Harlem"). Adults and their friends will enjoy playing this album at any holiday party to get the dance floor busy. Manhattan Transfer performs "Holiday Season Medley," Lionel Hampto and His Orchestra play "Boogie Woogie Christmas," and Louis Prima sings "Shake Hands With Santa."

When you are browsing the aisles for holiday music, remember that many recording companies have released some incredible albums just in time for this shopping season. These albums, and many others, make great gifts. Make sure you check out Long Island Sound and other music stores to get your hands on some.

Classic rockers like the Rolling Stones, David Bowie and Bruce Springstein have new works out. The Rolling Stones *40 Licks* is a two disc set that spans their entire career, with thirty six remastered tracks and four new "licks." David Bowie also has a career spanning album, entitled *Best of David Bowie*. It also is a two disc album and has thirty-eight digitally remastered songs, as well as over two and a half hours of music. Bruce Springstein's latest, *The Rising*, is a hot item in the stores. In addition to the praise of his classic rock style, the album is revered as the best musical response to the 9/11 events.

For the younger audience, artists in rap, hip hop, and alternative rock have all released albums just in time for Christmas. Eminem's *The Eminem Show* and the *8 Mile* Soundtrack are at the top charts, along side the late Tupac Shakur's *Better Dayz* and rapper/diva Missy Elliot's *Under Construction*. Meanwhile, Beck's latest, *Sea Change*, is a hot mix of alternative sound that is as popular as Coldplay's *A Rush of Blood to the Head*.

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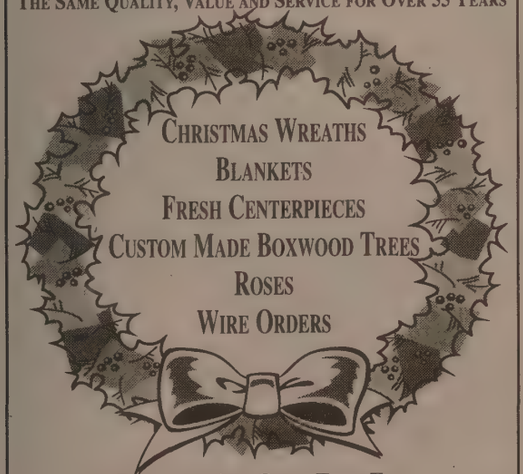

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The Next Chapter In Holiday Gifts: Great Books

An idyllic winter scene: the fire's lit, your fingers grip a full-bodied red, the socks are keeping your toes toasty, and there's a book sitting in your lap, patiently waiting for its pages to be turned. This cozy setting, resulting from the slow rhythm of wintertime, calls for some of the most worthy books that have debuted in the past year. Choose the following selections as gifts for your fellow hibernators, or for splurges to indulge in yourself.

I Don't Know How She Does It: The Life of Kate Reddy, Working Mother. By Allison Pearson. In this witty novel, Pearson describes a mother who struggles to govern the different sectors of her life. As her character tries to balance her roles as busy executive, wife and, most importantly, mother, she asks, "How did I get here? Not in this kitchen, I mean in this life. It is the morning of the school carol concert and I am hitting mince pies."

Allison Douglass, a city dweller, East End frequenter, and mother of a one-year-old girl, says she identified with the trials the main character, Kate Reddy, goes through. Every chapter ends with a printed copy of the characters to-do list – one that never gets do-ed – and this hits close to home. Douglass, who maintains a demanding career in publishing, appreciated the main character's frustration in searching for her child's stuffed pet, as if the safety of her son's cotton, plump kangaroo were as important as the child himself. "It is a funny read," says Douglass. "You root for her throughout the book to make a success out of her life." (Knopf, $23)

If your cozy, fireside read begs for more of an escape from your responsibilities, opt for *The Little Friend*, the hotly anticipated second novel from Donna Tartt, a mysterious and compelling author who stunned bibliophiles everywhere with her debut novel 10 years back, *The Secret History*. Tartt, a captivating storyteller, traces the unsolved mystery of a nine-year-old's death, exploring themes of innocence and human nature and how the crime tore the child's family apart. (Knopf, $26)

The East End is the setting for Alice McDermott's new book, *Child of My Heart*. Theresa, only 15 years old and stunningly beautiful, moves to East Hampton with her family. Hoping that she'll meet a rich man and marry well, her parents push her to babysit for wealthy families. As Theresa weathers a summer of chasing kids on beaches, her experiences in babysitting become a catalyst for her coming-of-age and newfound sexual exploration. (Farrar Straus & Giroux, $23)

Alice Harris, author, East Ender and denim-lover, says Americans just can't live without jeans. In her new cross-section of glossy photographs plucked from thousands of photographer's archives, a delightful coffee-table book has emerged: *The Blue Jean*. Harris proves that denim has been catapulted from the uniform of laborers and miners to the uniform of everyone "from Elvis to Jackie Kennedy to Berkeley hippies to urbanites." With a subtle stream of text providing background information to the pictures, Harris' book may be a window into how it came about that every member of your clan – from baby to grandpa – is wearing the same thing. (powerHouse Books, $35)

A Convergence of Birds, a collection of original fiction by Jonathan Safran Foer, is a rare species of a book, not unlike the artwork it was inspired by. Safran Foer, who has received praise this past year for his own quirky novel, *Everything is Illuminated*, was a mere college student when he simply decided to ask writers of major stature (Rick Moody, Joyce Carol Oates), to react, in story form, to the Bird Box collage work of artist Joseph Cornell. The book, a delightfully odd result of his efforts, includes color reproductions of Cornell's boxes (28 color illustrations in all), and has been praised for its originality by the literary community. (Distributed Art Publishers, $35)

Dara Horn, an author who's been grouped with Safran Foer in terms of genre and style, explores powerful themes of Jewish identity in her introspective novel, In *The Image*. William Landsmann, who loses his granddaughter in a fatal car accident, develops a less-than-likely relationship with the granddaughter's best friend, Leora. Horn chooses modern-day New York and Europe in the early 20th century as her backdrops for exploring the lives of these two very different characters who have been faced with similar struggles of relationships, commitment and spiritual fulfillment. (W.W. Norton & Company, $25)

And, at lawst another tale of little miss mischievous herself: Eloise! In *Eloise Takes a Bawth* (even the title makes you smile) we find Eloise scheming and playing – not in some exotic locale – but at home, in the Plaza hotel, during bath time. Hillary Knight's whimsical illustrations encourage smart, little imaginations to come alive. Your children will be hopping into their bawth and calling you "mummy" in no time. (Simon & Schuster, $18)

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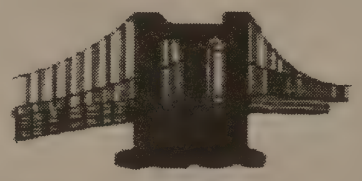

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2:00 - 4:00 "Santa" visit at the Roger's Memorial Library, Morris Meeting Room
3:00 "Tea and Charles Dickens" Southampton Historical Museum
5:30 - 7:30 "Hearthside Cheer" Victorian decorated Rogers Mansion & The Southampton Historical Museum

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
11:00 "Victorian Design & Decoration," Preview Holiday Bazaar, the Parrish Art Museum
1:30 - 3:30 Hay Rides, ELMO, Rudolph & The Whalers Chorus
2:00 "Holiday Gift Workshop," The Parrish Art Museum

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
1:30 - 3:30 Horse & Buggy Rides, Victorian Carolers
2:00 - 4:00 "Santa" visit at the Chamber of Commerce on Main Street
5:30 "Live Nativity," First Presbyterian Church
7:00 "Shower of Blessings Choir," Lively Gospel Concert, The Parrish Art Museum
7:30 Handel's "Messiah," United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
10:00 am Midnight Miracle Christmas Pageant, Presbyterian Church
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5:00 "Carols in Candlelight," First Presbyterian Church

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Holiday Shop 'Til You Drop...With Maria Tennariello

The countdown has started and there are two weeks left 'til Christmas. With Thanksgiving and Christmas so close this year, most people haven't done much of their holiday shopping. So let's do it!

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Sag Harbor is all decorated and the stores are busy with shoppers. On Sunday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. don't miss **Jbead**'s **Jewelry Trunk Show** at **Illusions** on Main Street. Designer Jill Brody of Jbead will be showing her new exciting line of fancy gems and beaded jewelry. You will find exotic gemstones such as sapphire, emerald, tourmaline, beryl, mandarin garnet, tsavorite, tanzonite, green gold quartz and sleeping beauty turquoise, all in Jbead one-of-a-kind designs. Jbead also offers custom beading and restringing. A nice gift, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to **Elsa's Ark**. Just think of all the holiday gifts you can get under on little roof. And while you're there check out just how much Illusions has to offer, great jewelry, gifts, watches and so much more, you won't walk out empty handed.

One of the nicest gifts you can receive for the holiday is a unique experience at the **Style Bar Day Spa** (*Dan's Papers* Best of the Best 2001-2002) on Bay Street in Sag Harbor. It is indeed an ultimate escape for anyone looking to get away from the everyday humdrum. Think gift certificates, they are available for every service on the menu. You will also find a wide variety of gift baskets on display and they will customize any gift request. They will ship anywhere and deliver locally. The Style Bar Boutique offers a wide variety of hair, nail and skin care products from around the world and has a first class staff with well trained technicians to help with any of your shopping needs. Give a call at 725-6730 for information and to schedule an appointment.

Whoah, don't drive by **Lisan & Co.** on Butter Lane without stopping in and checking out all the wonderful gift and cashmere sale that is happening again this weekend, December 14, and 15. The Thanksgiving sale went so well, they restocked and are doing it one more time for Christmas. Those cashmere sox are a hoot! And besides they keep your footsies warm...

Have you seen the micro mini crocheted Christmas trees at the **Bridgehampton Country Market**? Hand made with lights included, by **Paula**, they are an ideal accent to a childs room, hallway, desk, guest room, dining room, etc. Affordably priced at $25, I bought one for each of my grandchildren's bedrooms as night lights. They absolutely love them. Stop in and check them out.

Check out the winter sale that is going on at **Christopher Fischer Cashmere Collections** on Jobs Lane in Southampton and Main Street in East Hampton. Great colors and styles, great quality cashmere. Can I say anymore?

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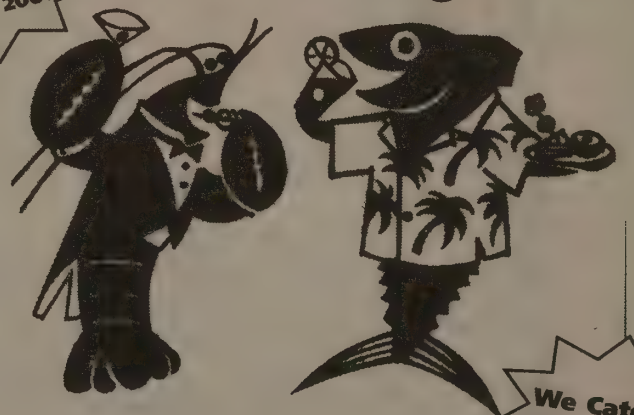

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Culinary Connections: Fine Food Shops For The Holidays

From Thanksgiving to New Years Day, for most of us, there is nothing but food in our futures. For six straight weeks all we do is eat, eat, eat. And then we wonder why losing weight is the number one New Year's resolution year after year. But until then, we might as well enjoy ourselves.

That makes food one of the most common gifts to give, during the holiday season either for yourself, your family or friends, though, chances are, whomever you give it to will probably no longer like you in the morning for all the extra push-ups they will have to do. If you are looking to buy some food, just check out the Citarella in Watermill or East Hampton. Citarella has made millions of dollars as "one of New York City's most celebrated fine food stores," selling some of the tastiest gourmet foods available. And since they opened in Watermill, you can get anything from fresh seafood and prime meats to truffles and foie gras (a rich, buttery spread) right here in the Hamptons. They even have special gift baskets for the healthy eaters with fruits and cheeses ($79), vegetables ($89), or a "Morning Blend," an excellent combination of the best early morning pick-me-ups ($119), including coffee, orange juice and yogurt, and more in the traditional Citarella, gourmet style. Then there are their holiday specific treats. Try the Australian glazed apricots & date nut roll tray ($14.99/1/2 pound), the nougat with roasted almonds & pistachios ($3.99/5 oz.) or the Betises de Cambrai French mints ($9.99/200g). And you can buy them all in the store or order them online. The convenience of the Internet is overwhelming, but you cannot smell the food as you shop, which may actually be a good thing, if not for your New Year's resolution, then at least for your wallet.

Barefoot Contessa also specializes in fine foods, but in that less corporate sort of way. Located on Newtown Lane in East Hampton, do not let their casual name fool you. The food here is anything but casual. Known for their ultra-delicious gourmet foods with inexpensive price tags, Barefoot Contessa has been around for about 25 years. Not only do they offer special gift-boxes (a brownie box with Christmas chocolates, a cookie box with tasty fruitcakes, macaroons and butterballs, or a coffee box with four of their most popular coffees, coffee mugs and a bag of piscotti), they also have a special four-course holiday menu with twenty four dishes to choose from including, jumbo shrimp ($34/dozen), sweet potato and ginger bisque ($10.50/quart), traditional paella ($18.50) and chocolate Ganache Cake ($24/8" and $29/10"). But if paella is not what you are looking for this holiday season, they also have a spiral cut glazed ham ($15/pound), which is a just little more traditional for the season. Then there is also one of the store's favorites, the Bouche de Noel for dessert, which serves up to six people, so you might want to get two.

At the Village Cheese Shop in Southampton, baskets and platters are their holiday specialty. They offer an extreme variety of cheeses from around the world. As good as Citarella is, if you are looking to get a cheese platter, you probably want to check out the Village Cheese Shop, where cheese is, well, their cash cow. They have more cheese than a Danielle Steele novel. They have, well, ok, that's enough. No matter what your choice of region, the cheese platters make either the perfect gift or the perfect appetizer for a good holiday party. You bring the cheese, let someone else bring the wine.

With all the eating that is going on this holiday season, you can get a little bit of something from everywhere. The cheese, the seafood, the desserts, it is all synonymous with the holiday season, and our New Years resolutions. The holidays, in fact, are probably what still make the gyms profitable the rest of the year. So eat up, and then we can talk about gym memberships next month.

–Brian Zapin

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Give you're a break today, stop what you're doing and go over to **Gemayel Salon** at the Bridgehampton Commons. Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, 3 to 9 p.m. Call for reservations. The big special deal is a haircut, mini facial, and manicure and eyebrow shape for only $100. And...enjoy some cocktails and hor d'oeuvres. I'm there!

I'd like to end this column with a poem by Eugenia Bartell, Gift Shop Coordinator at **Guild Hall Museum** in East Hampton...

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–Eugenia Bartell

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ART COMMENTARY

With Marion Wolberg Weiss

ALTERNATE SPACES: DIGITAL EXPLOSION AT 75 MAIN

Last week's Art Commentary examined art at an alternate space: East Hampton's Town Hall (courtroom), where formality and darkness were diminished by the paintings on the wall. The current exhibit at 75 Main, a restaurant in Southampton, seems to be a better fit: the setting's warmth, with its low lighting, soft music, flickering candles and hardwood floors, complements the surrounding canvases.

Moreover, the pieces are hung in a manner which doesn't appear congested despite the limited wall space.

Regardless of this appropriate ambiance, however, something is not right: the lights are too low, and we can hardly see the art. If the restaurant is crowded, access is also curtailed since the pieces are hung above the tables. These two problems are obvious reasons why art in restaurants can be self-defeating.

All this is academic, of course, if the art is meant to merely provide a pleasant background. Conversely, we would assume that the exhibiting artists would want their work to be appreciated (and perhaps purchased) by the diners.

The show at 75 Main deserves to be both seen and appreciated. What's particularly interesting is the fact that the digital technology is not apparent. Many pieces look like traditional prints or paintings (especially under the low lights).

There's an effective mix of styles: from figures by Ernest Lurker and Paul Domzal to dainty/geometric abstractions by Carol Hunt and Eric Ernst, respectively. The latter two pieces convey other contrasts as well in the use of Ms. Hunt's uplifting bright colors played against Mr. Ernst's brooding darker hues.

Subject matter is also varied from Kathleen Bilfulco's provocative feminist collage to Lenore Bailey's comforting "Winger Day," William Falkenburg's sunflowers and Eileen Casey's "Ancient Egypt."

What's interesting as well is work by the restaurant's chef, Steven Amaral, whose art includes cuisine as well as canvases. (Yours truly can attest to Mr. Amaral's talent as a chef, having sampled his food at his periodic "Food and Wine Pairing" dinner.)

The exhibit, curated by Michael Knigin and Joseph Strand, will be on view until January 7, 2003.

HAMPTON ART EVENTS & OPENINGS

PRINTAGANZA – On December 14, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Pierson High School presents a special one day art exhibit and silent auction of artworks donated by local artists. Over 40 artists will display their work. Call 725-5764.

"SEASCAPES AND OTHERS" – Art exhibit at Westhampton Beach Library through December 31. Call 288-3335.

GROUP SHOW – Six artists display their work at Prudential Long Island Reality on Main St. in Sag Harbor. Runs through January 18. Opening reception on December 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call 725-0200

"FACES OF THE FUTURE" – Digital photography by Jonathon Morse at Artspace at Prudential through February. Photos are for sale. Open during business hours. Opening reception December 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call 537-5900 ext. 113. Located at 2488 Main St. in Bridgehampton.

DRAGON GALLERY – LLC introduces Chino Yoshikawa and "The City Aspect," a collection of views from NYC in 2002. Located on Main St. in Amagansett. Call 267-9888.

SOLAR GALLERY – "Transitions," watercolors and paintings by Hector de Cordova on display Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Call 907-8422. Located at 132 North Main St. in East Hampton.

BANK OF NEW YORK – A celebration in paint, print, and photography on display for the holidays through December 31. Open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Located at 66 Main Street in East Hampton.

ANN KNOB GALLERY – On Saturday, the gallery continues its holiday brunches, "Deck the Halls." Cider, coffee, and pastries while you shop. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring small works by local artists. Call 324-3443.

THE SARA NIGHTINGALE GALLERY –. "The Principles of Light and color," by Hilary Lorenz, on display through January 13. Opening reception December 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call 726-0076. Located at 688 Montauk Highway in Water Mill.

DIGITAL EXPLOSION AT 75 MAIN STREET – 21 of the East End's leading digital artists present an exhibit through January 7. Curated by Michael Knigin and Joseph Strand. Call 283-7575.

ART UPSTAIRS – 17 artists contribute to the show's theme, "Naked." Runs through February 3. At Glenn Horowitz Bookseller on 87 Newtown Lane in East Hampton. Call 324-5511

THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY – Presents a new exhibit of their holiday jewelry collection through New Years. Also on exhibit is "The Christmas Show" through January 12. Call 267-3627.

AT THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM – Works by three local artists (Charlotte Park, Dan Christensen and Allan Wexler) are highlighted in this exhibit of 1950s art. Painting classes available for kids 8 and up from December 9 to 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Mask making classes from Dec. 10 to 13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration limited. Call 537-8250.

ART AT GUILD HALL – Exhibit by Charles Addam . Call 287-0806.

NATIVE ACCENTS GALLERIES IN BRIDGEHAMPTON – Featuring Zimbabwean wildlife painter and stone sculptor, also featuring hand woven Zulu baskets and land tribal artifacts. For more information call the gallery in Bridgehampton at 537-8380.

AT THE TAMAN BATU GALLERY- Featuring the stone work of Asian master carvers, incredibly comprehensive collection of lava stone this side of the equator. In Southampton call 283-5628.

HOLIDAY POTTERY SALE AT THE CELADON GALLERY – Gallery in Water Mill offering exclusive pottery collection and great gift ideas. Through December 22. Call 726-2547.

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOP - At the Southampton Artists Association from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings at 2 Pond Lane in Southampton. $5 model fee. Refreshments served. Call 283-8613.

HAMPTON ROAD GALLERY – New American Realist gallery featuring works of American artists like Andrew Wyeth and Dinah Maxwell Smith in Southampton. Call 204-9704.

"BEAUTY IN MOTHER NATURE" – The Art Gallery at the Quogue Library is proud to announce its November/December exhibition: Beauty in Mother Nature" – works by Quogue artist Greta Stapf Waterman. Call the Quogue Library at 653-4224.

SHINNECOCK MUSEUM SHOP CHANGES HOURS – The gift shop has changed its hours of operation on Fridays to noon to 4 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. through December. This is an addition to regular schedule of Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 287-4923.

AT ESTIA AMAGANSETT – Paintings by Josephine Wojtusiak through January. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

HAMPTON BAYS LIBRARY – Local artists display their sculptures and paintings through December.

OIL PAINTING CLASSES – For beginning adults in Sag Harbor with Casey Anderson at 50 Cliff Drive. Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. $45 per session. Call 725-0645.

3rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW – At Chrysalis Gallery on 2 Main Street in Southampton. Folk art, and holiday collectibles. Runs through December 24. Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 287-1883.

AT GALLERY MERZ – Small works show by 38 artists. Runs through December 31. Located at 95 Main St. in Sag Harbor. Call 725 2803.

IN NEW YORK:

ALLAN STONE GALLERY – Joseph Cornell exhibit through December 20th at 113 east 90 Street. Call 212-987-4997. Famous collage artist and mixed media construction.

ROBIN RICE GALLERY – Kathryn Szoka, "Vanishing Landscape Series: East End, Long Island through December 21. Long time Sag Harbor resident presents her work of our beautiful landscape. 325 West 11th Street in Manhattan. Call 631-366-6660.

REECE GALLERIES – A fine art gallery on 24 West 57th Street will have a general gallery sale for the months of November and December. Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club of New York. From 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 212-647-9700.

GALLERY AT LINCOLN CENTER – "The Romantic Germans" is a free exhibit Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Through January 4. At the Concourse Level in Lincoln Center. Call 917-339-7157.

BLUE HERON GALLERY – "Sacred Journey," a mixed media exhibit by Aleathia Brown is on display through December 31. Call 212-979-5000 ext. 13. Located at 123 East 24th Street.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN THE HAMPTONS

theater review: class mothers '68

Broadway buzz is packing Theatre Row's Clurman Theatre (410 West 42nd St.) for this show starring Priscilla Lopez. Last night's performance brought out Jack Klugman and *The Wonder Years'* Dan Laurie to witness this high voltage showcase for Ms. Lopez' stellar talents.

Water Mill playwright, Eric Weinberger, with Ms. Lopez in mind, captures the essence of six diverse women staging a show for their children who are about to graduate from the exclusive Fanwood School. Through the interplay of these women, all played by Ms. Lopez, contrasts and conflicts emerge.

Harriet Jacoby is introduced first in her perfect suit and coiffure, tightly wrapped in the achievements of her children, her own talents having been put aside long ago. But she wants to control the show anyway.

Harriet blends into Nilda Mercado so convincingly that – presto chango! – a completely new persona is here with her Puerto Rican accent and seamstress setting. At one point Nilda goes through her mail and comes upon an important letter that she sets on her ironing board. She walks back and forth in front of the letter, watching it as though it is alive and about to spring – I'm holding my breath here, Nilda! – is it a "regret to inform you" from the government about her son in Vietnam? Is it acceptance or rejection for her daughter's college applications? We are drenched in sweat… she finally grabs it, ripping it open in a single movement, reading it aloud.

Sexy Lee Drake emerges from Nilda. Ms. Lopez, out of the housecoat and into revealing, high slit garb lounges, Campari in hand, in her own "tingling sensations," while deploring the sexual frustration of the other mothers. There is much vamping with delicious innuendoes referred to on a screen above Lee as she remarks from her divan.

Rosemarie Spitzer, the sculptor's wife/slave comes out, followed by Gretel Gesslauer, a Holocaust survivor, then Myrna Feintuch, who is directing the parents' show for the graduates.

Each character prances out in an explosion of costume, choreography and song, with each additionally defined and enhanced through Michael Gottlieb's lighting changes. The play ends in a Sargeant Pepper routine culminating in a split, part cheerleader, part parent.

The logistics of melting one character into the next so seamlessly without closing curtains is supported through miracle, on-set costume changes brought about by designer Daniel Lawson, currently with TV's *Third Watch*. Hair changes are effectively styled by Bobby H. Grayson. Set changes depend on Beowulf Boritt's design for the widely diverse environments in which these six women live. With the additional support by Shelli Aderman, Production Stage Manager, all of the elements fall right into place.

Musical staging by Thommie Walsh ensures the right moves at the right time to tunes that zero us in to the era, with a little *Flight of the Valkyries* in the mix. Mr. Walsh was with Ms. Lopez in the original *Chorus Line* and more recently *A Day in Hollywood, a Night in the Ukraine*, for which Ms. Lopez won a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical. –Lise Visser

HAMPTONS NIGHTLIFE *WITH CHRISTINE CARROLL*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

It's time for our favorite Christmas party again! Bobby Van's, on Main Street in Bridgehampton is holding their annual, generous, festive party on Thursday December 19. The fun will begin at 8 p.m. and carry on all night. DJ Chaz will be spinning tunes for all ages so you can dance your heart away, or just chill and enjoy the music. The buffet will consist of the always-scrumptious Bobby Van's fare. They have always known how to throw a great party. The atmosphere is jolly all year round. Everyone is invited so come one come all.

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FRIDAY, 13

STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – At 10 p.m., Reggae Night with the Uplifters begins. Tickets are $10. Call 267-3117 in Amagansett.

SEVEN – Friday night Happy Hour is the longest on Long Island, from 3 to 12 a.m. with beer and drink specials. Unwind and ring in the weekend in Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-7727.

PHAO – Live late night lounge in modern tavern in Sag Harbor. Live acoustic show, drink service and lounge begins around 10 p.m. Brought to you by Telly, Tora and Pete. Call 631-725-0055.

MEMORY MOTEL –Revel in the weekend and unwind. Party like the Rolling Stones did at the Memory. Located at 692 Montauk Highway in Montauk. Call 631-668-2702.

THE AMERICAN HOTEL – Sip imported beers and cocktails at the historic bar or in front of the fire on Main Street in Sag Harbor. Music with Hunky Page on piano. Call 631-725-3535.

WEST COVE BAR AND GRILL – DJ and karaoke start at 10 p.m. on West Lake Drive in Montauk. Half-priced beers all night. Call 631-668-2785.

OASIS - Lounge groove after 10:30 p.m. Dance overlooking Noyac Bay in Sag Harbor. Chill out in the tropical lounge on the waterfront. Call 631-725-7110.

RUBI RED – Red lounge and cocktails at the bar and check out the music from the Paul gene and Lee Lawler at 9 p.m. Call 631-907-8030.

PIERRE'S – Friday night at Pierre's. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres for ladies at the bar. Enjoy lounge grooves and create your own martinis. Late night menu and Euro music. Call 631-537-5110.

NEW MOON CAFÉ – Bruce and Dan make "acoustic fire" in East Quogue. Music starts at 8 p.m. Call 631-653-4042.

SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE - Bring your friends for house-microbrewed beers and gourmet bar bites. Enjoy the intimate pub and Southampton scene. For information call 631-283-2800.

STAR ROOM – Comedy Night, Sponsored by Nick Krauss. 537-3332.

MAIDSTONE ARMS – Music with pianist Kim Meyers from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Call 631-324-5006 for more information. Relax in the lounge or enjoy dinner at this East Hampton institution.

SATURDAY, 14

MARDI GRAS - At 7 p.m. the band, Crispy Chicken and the Hot Sauce All Stars will perform live jazz in Southampton. Call 259-0300.

STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – The East End Songwriters Guild performs for free at 8 p.m. A total of eight performers. Halfmanunder plays at 10:00 p.m. Tickets are $10. Call the Talkhouse for information and table reservations. 267-3117.

NV AND THE NEW POSH – Latin Nights continue with the best in Latin spun from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Low cover. Located at 44 Three Mile Harbor Road in East Hampton. Call 329-6000.

PIERRE'S – Saturday night at Pierre's. Private lounge is available by reservation only. Enjoy lounge grooves and create your own martinis. Late night menu and Euro music. Call 631-537-5110.

THREE ACES – Saturday live music at the piano bar in Hampton Bays at 8 p.m. Enjoy music and light fare. Call 631-728-2260.

MAIDSTONE ARMS – Music with pianist Todd Michaels from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Call 631-324-5006 for more information. Relax in the lounge or enjoy dinner at the East Hampton institution.

NEW MOON CAFÉ – Phil Hummer and the Nirtos in East Quogue. Music starts at 8 p.m. Call 631-653-4042.

SEVEN – Saturday night DJ dance party with Tim Schroeder spinning in the upstairs lounge. The music starts at 10 p.m. in Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-7727.

STAR ROOM – DJs start at 10 p.m. till late. Call 631-537-3332.

TAVERN - Come party from10 p.m. until late. Cover is $20. Call 631-287-2125 for reservations.

MARY JANE'S - Rick McDonald appearing every Saturday night in the piano bar at the classy yet casual East Hampton restaurant. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. Come enjoy good company, Italian cuisine and great music.

RUBI RED – Live music by Rasta blanca at 9 p.m. $5 cover. Dancing, great food and rock n' roll in this swank red lounge in East Hampton. Call 631-907-8030.

CRAZY DOG – Music with Bruce and Gabrielle in Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-1444. Enjoy a colorful and fun dinner and music all night.

CIGAR BAR - DJ spinning house and techno music into the night. Call 725-2575.

OASIS - Lounge groove after 10:30 p.m. Dance overlooking Noyac Bay in Sag Harbor. Chill out in the tropical lounge on the waterfront. Call 631-725-7110.

DECEMBER 15

WORLD PIE – Jazz brunch in Bridgehampton. Jazz with Samba Sophistication at 12:30 p.m. with Stefanie Cardinali, Oliver Von Essen on keyboards and Rick Salter on percussion. Call for reservations at 631-537-7999.

PIERRE'S – The new modern bistro features live music

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Dan's Papers They Made The Movie Here Film Festival 2002

SABRINA
LONG ISLAND'S NORTH SHORE IS RICH IN LOVE, CHARM AND MONEY

On Saturday, December 14 at 2 p.m., the final film of this season's *Dan's Papers'* "They Made The Movie Here" FREE Film Festival at Southampton College, is a holiday treat. It is as bright and glittery as a fully lit Menorah or Christmas tree. The 1995, *Sabrina*, is a very full-of-color remake of the 1954 black and white classic and it adds as much candy cane, sugary frosting as the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Enjoying this posh, plump, generously airy and richly furnished with outdoorsiness new *Sabrina*, one is shy to acknowledge the source to be the Broadway play, *Sabrina Fair*. The 1954 film by Billy Wilder was black and white but its star, Audrey Hepburn, gave out as much sparkling brilliance as *all* the Rockettes in a row. She is the Cinderella girl who lived above the garage and scullery, her parents being the chauffeur and the cook to one of the wealthiest families in Glen Cove, L.I. Her nose was permanently pressed against the silver plate glass that separated her from the Tiffany life just beyond it. Then she comes to be pursued by not one but, two Princes – producing not one, but two of the most delightful *romance* movies of our social class system and, just plain *class*.

The second *Sabrina*, made in 1995, added color and an expanded plot that give a Christmas feeling with the older brother, Linus, as a strictly-business guy given a wake –up call by the bright enlightening Sabrina, to find a happier way of life following his Scrooge-like morning-after.

The remake replaces Humphrey Bogart with Harrison Ford as Linus and, in a near Oscar performance, Greg Kinnear in for William Holden, as the younger, very immature brother, David. Julia Ormond is a palpable Sabrina, reflecting Audrey's brilliance. Also expanded are the locations, but opulently attractive Glen Cove still takes first place. Yes, even with Paris, very much on screen, where Sabrina learns photography, gourmet cooking and, gourmand chicness.

Sabrina is a lush luv-of-a movie (and get a load of the luxurious music) not to mention the lovely color of money. It's a *Love Boat*, dreamy cruise-like excursion for a pre-Christmas vacation. The Dream Boat sets sail with me, Guy de Fraumeni, as your Captain and, Sarah Halsey as Recreation Director. The galley is replete with refreshments to toast this final outing. However, wait until next year!

Guy-Jean de Fraumeni is the producer/writer/director of award winning European and American feature films. He has been a judge at major Film and TV award competitions, including the Oscars, the Emmy's and various film festivals.

Nightlife (continued from previous page)

with Stefanie Cardinali accompanied by Olivier Von Essen on piano and Peter Weiss on bass on Main Street in Bridgehampton. Dance your weekend away with music from 7 -10 p.m. Call 631-537-5110.

SEVEN – NFL food and drink specials all day long in Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-7727 for party information and game times.

TIPPERARY INN – DJ and karaoke at 10 p.m. in Montauk. Call 631-668-3754.

MONDAY, 16

MARDI GRAS – Monday Night Football with 20-cent wings and $20 all you can drink tap beer. Call 631-259-0300

RUBI RED- Monday night Football Party with free pizza and drink specials. Check out the TVs and comfy couches in this swank red lounge. Rock n Roll, jump blues, and reggae played. Located at 290 Montauk Hwy in East Hampton. Call 631-907-8030.

ROWDY HALL – Monday night football specials at the bar in East Hampton. 1/2 price wings, chicken skewers and sausage. $4 pints at this classic East Hampton pub. Call 631-324-8555.

GIN LANE – Monday night football in the lounge featuring beef brisket, ribs and beer specials in Water Mill. Call 631-726-7585.

SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE – Monday night Madness. Tap Room specials from 7 p.m. until late. For information call 631-283-2800.

SEVEN – In Westhampton Beach enjoy Monday Night Football drink specials and games playing in the bar. Call 631-288-7727.

THURSDAY, 19

RUBI RED – Live music at 9 p.m. Dancing, great food and rock n' roll in this swank red lounge in East Hampton. Call 631-907-8030.

MAGNOLIA – Karaoke Thursday nights in Sag Harbor. Creole cooking and bar with crafted imported beers and wine. Call 631-725-0101.

STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – Artist Showcase begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are $5. Call the Talkhouse for information and table reservations. 631-267-3117.

PIERRE'S – Happy hours from 6 to 8 p.m. New Talent/Amateur open mike night at Pierre's. All are welcome. Late-night menu will be served. Call 631-537-5110.

SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS
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Featuring films that either take place on Long Island or were filmed here.

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This is the Last "They Made The Movie Here" Film Festival for the 2002 season. Look for our Spring 2003 Film Festival schedule in Dan's Papers late March.

2 P.M. Saturday, December 14 – *SABRINA*
A bright holiday bauble. The lots of color added remake of the Audrey Hepburn/Bogart original, adds more gilt to the other L.I. Gold Coast, Glen Cove, where Scroogy, business only, Harrison Ford is made to appreciate the cheer in the world by his chauffeur's young daughter. It's a lush, very-merry movie.

Hosted by **Guy De Fraumeni,**
Hollywood Film Critic and
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Guy de Fraumeni's Hollywood In The Hamptons

Die Another Day, The Quiet American

Here, on sunny, resort-ridden Hilton Head Island, movies are the last resort. Finding one could be an all day search effort involving helicopters and, Treasure Hunt contestants. Anyway, you *never* expect folks to leave their boats or golf courses to be enclosed in a dark cavern without stalactites. But, it's a different scenario when James Bond returns with Pierce Brosnan, wearin' the tux, smilin' the smile, walkin' the walk over land mines, dodgin' the bullits and flame throwers in order to suave-schmooze the women of all nations and political affiliations. Well, you know when he does that, by rote, audiences will suspend disbelief to sit, up and down, through all the close calls, with delirious enjoyment, vicariously livin' the adventures. *Die Another Day* is Brosnan's fourth and, best Bond, having had a good, but light start with thin scripts and his pencil-neck slimness. No eraser head, he was smartly cool and, desirable if not 007 forceful. However, he's grown into 17-inch neck shirts and award category ability, style and heft of believability, thanks to roles in *The Tailor of Panama* and *Thomas Crown Affair*. Now, there's a lot of lead in his pencil and a lot of sympathetic sensitivity balancing the testicular testeronity.

New, to Bond films, is an honest-to-God filmmaker, Lee Tamahori. He has returned pop eroticism and dark smirkyness to the old, fake fun. Naturally, the 100 proof, bottled in Bond tradition is faithfully kept: colorful globe-fox-trotting, escapades of the sexual kind, mechanical machinations of both chrome and silver cleverness, tough gals good and evil, well dressed and well undressed and, tough guys of the rottenest kind. Casting gets better, like the "girls" Halle Berry and a new face and body, Rosamund Pike and, as the archenemy, Maggie Smith's son, Toby Stephens, is a blow-out. The standard regulars are there and amusing: Judi Dench is M and John Cleese is Q (You don't mess with the formula). A distinctive swerve away from Bond's history is a more complex realism of geopolitical entanglements, replacing the old cold war boogey men and, the omnipresent, bleeding stain of imperialism. The British Empire is fading, even in the movies.

With Europe more concerned than we are with our country's power play rush into foreign intervention, Bond's adventures in North Korea and Cuba take on messages we may not be aware of. Coincidentally, opening at the same time was *The Quiet American*, which, in a hushed way, secrets into a love triangle, the political blundering and blunt imperious forays, so rampant in the 50's as the colors of Britain's Union Jack were fading. It's back in those days in Vietnam when the French were wielding a competing form of Imperialism. The two male characters: Michael Caine, is a cynical Brit journalist and Brendan Fraser, a gung-ho American Intelligence Agent, represent resigned disillusion (Caine), and, in your face intrusion (Fraser). They are in Saigon, exotic and sexy with steamy wet danger. The intrigue is charged by a beautiful Asian taxi dancer, Do Thi Hai Yen, the object of Caine's and Fraser's passions. They are a metaphor for their country's involvement in Indochina, but the film is mostly the world of writer Graham Greene. His ambiguous psychological relationships are wonderfully conveyed by Mr. Caine, in one of his finest performances. He perfectly embodies the film's quiet resonance of fatalism, without clobbering the audience with recriminations of our arrogant failure in Vietnam.

Guy-Jean de Fraumeni is the producer/writer/director of award winning European and American feature films. He has been a judge at major Film and TV award competitions, including the Oscars, the Emmy's and various film festivals. He is assisted by Sarah Halsey

MOVIES

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UNITED ARTISTS HAMPTON BAYS (728-8251)

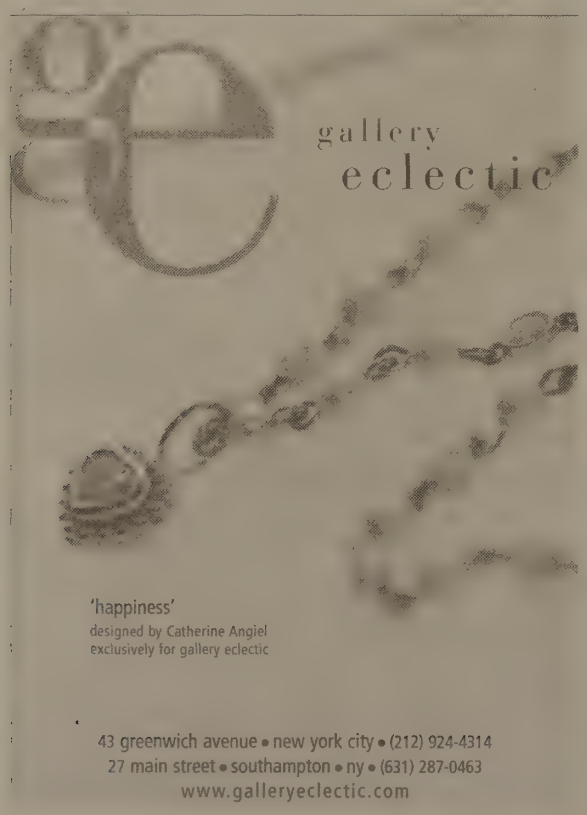
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – Friday at 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:00 and 8:10 p.m.

Eight Crazy Nights – Friday at 3:45, 5:40, 7:45, and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:40, 3:45, 5:40, 7:45 and 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:45 and 7:35 p.m.

Die Another Day– Friday at 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:10 and 8:00 p.m.

Analyze That– Friday at 4:25, 7:30 and 10:10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:30, 4:25, 7:30 and 10:10 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:25 and 7:50 p.m.

Maid In Manhattan – Friday at 4:10, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:15, 4:10, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:15 and 7:45 p.m.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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 4:20 and 7:50 p.m. Saturday at 12:30, 3:50 and 9:40 p.m. Sunday at 12:30, 3:50 and 7:30 p.m.

Die Another Day: James Bond – Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 4:00, 7:00 and 9:50 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 12:20, 4:00, 7:00 and 9:50 p.m.

The Emperor's Club – Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 4:10, 7:10 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 4:15, 7:10 and 9:35 p.m.

Far From Heaven – Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 4:40, 7:40 and 10:10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 12:50, 3:30, 7:20 and 9:45 p.m.

Treasure Planet – Friday, and Monday-Thursday at 4:30, 7:10, and 9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday at 12:20, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10 and 9:30 p.m.

Analyze That– Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 4:30, 7:20 and 9:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:50 and 10:10 p.m.

Maid In Manhattan – Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 5:00, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40 and 10:00 p.m.

Two Weeks Notice – Sneak preview Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

UNITED ARTISTS SOUTHAMPTON (287-2774)

Die Another Day: James Bond – Friday at 3:45, 6:40 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 3:45, 6:40 and 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:00 and 7:50 p.m.

The Hot Chick – Friday at 3:50, 7:15 and 9:50 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:20, 3:50, 7:15 and 9:50 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:30 and 8:20 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis – Friday at 4:10, 6:50 and 9:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:10, 4:10, 6:50 and 9:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:10 and 8:00 p.m.

Frida– Friday 4:00, 7:10, and 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:15, 4:00, 7:10 and 10:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 5:20 and 8:10 p.m.

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (725-0010)

Mostly Martha – Saturday and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Comedian – Friday-Monday at 6:10 p.m.
Frida – Friday-Monday at 8:15 p.m.

MONTAUK MOVIE (668-2393)

Closed for the season.

HAMPTON ARTS TWIN (288-2600)

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING – Friday – Thursday at 7:15 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, and 9:45 p.m.

ANALYZE THAT – Friday – Thursday at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 1:15, 3:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m.

VILLAGE CINEMA GREENPORT (631-477-8600)

Far From Heaven – Monday - Friday at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 and 9:00 p.m. Sunday at 2:15, 4:30, and 6:45 p.m.

Analyze That– Monday - Friday at 7:45 p.m. Saturday at 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday at 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Maid In Manhattan – Monday-Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 2:00, 4:15, 6:30 and 8:45 p.m. Sunday at 2:00, 4:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 2:10, 5:30, and 8:30 p.m. Sunday at 2:10 and 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

MATTITUCK CINEMAS (298-SHOW)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – Friday-Thursday at 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Die Another Day: James Bond – Friday-Thursday at 1:10, 4:10, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

Frida – Friday-Thursday at 7:05 and 9:25 p.m.

Treasure Planet – Friday-Thursday at 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Solaris – Friday-Thursday at 1:40, 4:50, 7:40 and 9:50 p.m.

Eight Crazy Nights – Friday-Thursday at 1:50, 4:55, 7:50 and 9:55 p.m.

Analyze That– Friday-Thursday at 2:10, 4:40, 7:25 and 9:45 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis – Friday-Thursday at 2:00, 4:30, 7:20 and 9:40 p.m.

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Silvia Lehrer's Cooking Column

It's that frenzied but happy time when all manner of parties are being planned for the festive days ahead. You have lots of party invitations and would like to give one in return. Yet the pressure of an elaborate brunch or elegant sit-down dinner may be a little too daunting at this late date. So, what's a host or hostess to do?

For this issue I've enlisted the help of Tricia Delp, a fine hostess and a superb cook. I know, I've tasted her delicious food. She offers some delectable do-ahead cocktail party fare that would be a joy to make for family and friends. Adapted from *Cooking Light Magazine*, Tricia's briefly steamed crab purses can be prepared ahead and refridgerated uncooked. Dollop the do-ahead *tapenade* on crusty baguette slices spread with a thin layer of soft goat cheese for serving. Her piquant smoky chicken with chipotle can be wrapped in phyllo packets or simply scooped up in crispy Tostitos.

Tricia's company, Potato Road Confections specializes in hand made chocolate truffles, caramels and barks. When she's not developing new chocolate recipes she loves to entertain with her fiancé, Fred Ireland, in their home in Bridgehampton. Her creations can be found at Sylvester & Co. in Sag Harbor and Catena's in Southampton.

SUN-DRIED TOMATO TAPENADE WITH GOAT CHEESE CROSTINI

Be sure to use oil packed tomatoes for the flavor to fully develop.
Makes about 35-40 crostini

For the tapenade

4 ounces sun-dried tomatoes pack in oil, finely chopped
Zest of one lemon, finely chopped
2 tablespoons capers, rinsed
1 teaspoon shallot, finely minced
Freshly ground pepper to taste
3-4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

To serve

2 ounces goat cheese in log form
1 thin baguette (or one package store-bought crostini or bagel crisps)
2-3 cloves garlic, halved with skin on
Olive garnish (optional)

1. Combine the ingredients for the tapenade and slowly add enough olive oil to moisten

2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Thinly slice the baguette on the bias, if using, spread on a cookie sheet and toast until golden brown, about 8-10 minutes. Rub the cut side of the garlic halves over toasted slices while still warm. Can be made ahead and kept in a clean, waxed paper-lined cookie tin for several days.

3. When ready to serve top each crostini with a thin layer of goat cheese and a tiny scoop of tapenade. Arrange on a platter with olive garnish for serving.

SMOKY CHICKEN PHYLLO PACKETS

Tricia loves making this recipe with her 4-year-old niece Jessica who loves "painting" the sheets of phyllo.
Makes about 24 triangles

2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, trimmed
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth
1 cup low fat sour cream
3 tablespoons minced scallions, white and green part
1 can *Chipotle* chili in adobe sauce, finely minced with some sauce*
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
4-6 ounces unsalted butter, melted
one-half package phyllo, thawed in refrigerator until ready to use

1. Place the chicken breast and broth in a small saucepan. Add enough water to just cover chicken. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer about 7-10 minutes. Remove from heat and let chicken cool in liquid about 20 minutes.

2. Shred chicken into small pieces and place in a bowl with sour cream, scallion, Chipotle and cumin. Stir to mix until ingredients are thoroughly combined.

3. The routine of making the packets will go smoothly if you organize your workspace. Unroll phyllo dough, with a sharp knife divide in half lengthwise; rewrap and refrigerate the unused portion. Cut phyllo in half lengthwise again, stack the halves and cover phyllo with a lightly moistened cotton towel. Lift a sheet from under the towel to a work surface next to the stack of phyllo and fold lengthwise. Brush lightly with melted butter. Place a well-rounded teaspoon of the chicken mixture at the left-hand edge of the strip. Lift the corner and fold over the filling to the opposite edge forming a triangle. Continue to fold to the end of the strip like the folding of an American flag. Transfer to a lightly greased baking sheet and repeat until all are done. Brush triangles lightly with melted butter.

3. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake phyllo packets for 10-12 minutes until heated through and golden brown. Can be prepared ahead and reheated for serving. Serve hot.

**Chipotles* are smoked *jalapenos* available in the Mexican section of most groceries.

STEAMED CRAB PURSES

About 24 purses

24 scallion tops, sliced into long thin strips
6-8 ounces lump crab meat, picked over
4 ounces Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1/4 cup minced scallions (white and light green part)
3 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
24 won ton wrapper (available in the refrigerated section of most grocery stores)

1. Blanch the scallion strips in boiling water for 10 seconds, Drain and dry on paper towels.

2. Combine remaining ingredients except the wrappers in a bowl and gently mix until thoroughly incorporated. Spoon 1- 1 1/2 teaspoons of the mixture onto the center of a wonton wrapper (keep remaining wrappers covered with a damp towel while working.) Gather up the cor-ners of the wrappers and gently twist the top. Tie the top with a scallion strip and set aside covered lightly with plastic wrap. Repeat with remaining wrappers.

3. Steam the purses in a bamboo steamer or vegetable steamer for 6-8 minutes. If using a metal steamer spray the surface with cooking spray so they don't stick. Serve on a platter garnished with leafy greens.

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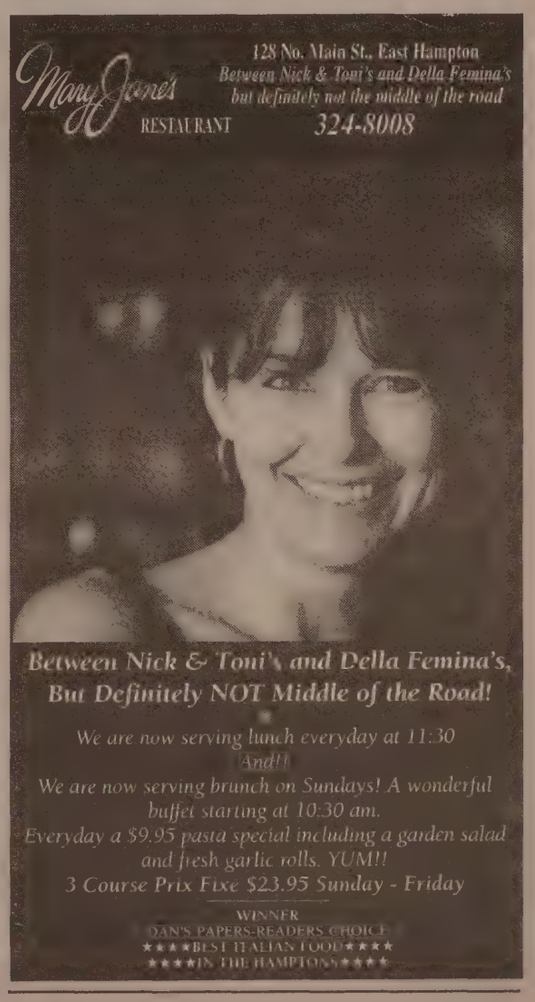
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Dining In The Hamptons

Side Dish
By Aji Jones

The holiday bustle is on, so take a break at one of the East End's fine dining establishments. Holiday specials are everywhere.

Magnolia in Sag Harbor is offering a family prix fixe of sorts, called Southern Family Style Sundays. Three courses are served (you guessed it, family style) and its $18 for adults and $10 for children (plus tax & tip). The offer is available beginning at 5:30 on Sundays.

Mary Jane's in East Hampton boasts a $9.95 pasta special every day. The price includes a garden salad and fresh garlic rolls, but doesn't include tax & tip.

The Maidstone Arms in East Hampton is offering a prix fix luncheon through the month of December with "all the desserts you can eat" – causing the Dish to throw the holiday dietary discipline right out the window.

75 Main Street has seven reasons to stop in at the Southampton restaurant. Monday between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. they offer dinner & a movie with a three-course prix fixe and a movie ticket to any United Artists Theatre for $25 per person plus tax & tip. Tuesday and Wednesday they have a three-course prix fixe for $24.95 per person plus tax & tip. Thursday's special is a mix and match of six pastas, six sauces have it your way for $19.95 per person plus tax & tip. Friday is "all you can eat" Hawaiian-inspired sushi for $24.95 per person plus tax & tip. (Every other) Saturday they host a food and wine-pairing event featuring seven courses and five wines for $45 per person. Sunday's offer is a family value dinner, adults $14.95 and children $6.95 from 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

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red bar in Southampton will be open Thursday December 26 through January 1 for the holidays. The restaurant will host two seatings for its prix fixe on New Year's Eve. The first seating will consist of three courses for $50 and the second seating will be four courses for $75 per person, plus tax & tip.

The Plaza Café in Southampton has a great way to shake off the madness of holiday shopping. It's their special prix fixe dinner for the holiday season. On Monday through Thursday they offer a choice of any appetizer and any entrée for $35.00 (plus tax and tip).

Tate's Bake Shop has a unique gift idea available with their holiday boxes of cookies. Each box is filled with four packages of chocolate chip cookies and then shipped in time for the holidays. Place your order now at 283-9830.

As the Dish remarked in a previous column, **Citarella** markets in East Hampton and Water Mill are featuring some special treats for the holiday season. One of which is the famous peppermint candy Betises de Cambrai. The story behind the white mint candy with the caramel stripe is this: a French confectionary company accidentally created the sweet around 1850. It is said that the owner's son confused the proportions of the mixture and beat the ingredients too long in order to hide his mistake. This unusual procedure was attributed to his act of stupidity – betise in French. The result is a very light, airy textured hard candy that is perfectly flavored by the pleasantly menthol Mitchum peppermint. Imported from France and carried by **Citarella** markets, they also make fruit flavors.

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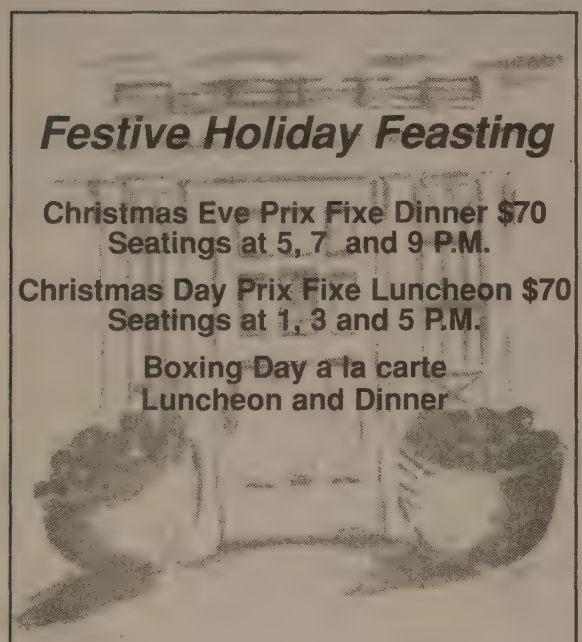
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Some great ideas are aromatherapy products. Just dabbing a little lavender oil on a handkerchief and taking a few whiffs can help you reduce stress while shopping. Another gift idea includes beeswax candles with specific scents for meditation and relaxation like lavender, orange blossom, ylang-ylang, and cedar. Bath oils and salts (preferably granular seas salts) are good stocking stuffers. The rule of thumb for high quality oils is the touch test –the smoother the glide the better the oil. A lavender eye pillow or aromatherapy inhalation beads blended with a variety of oils help with stress and can boost energy levels.

Gift Certificates are the best way for your friend or family member to relax at a spa. Call Gurney's at 668-2345 to reserve a gift card for your loved ones. A special of "Buy 10 and get one free" is going on until Christmas. Reserve some now for your co-workers! There are also many great books and CD's that are inspiring and perhaps not what they would pick out for themselves. Also great teas are a great stocking stuffer... the health giving properties, stress reduction benefits, and contemplative aspects of tea all promote mindfulness and meditative moments.

This January, try making a New Year's resolution you'll keep- to reform old unhealthy habits once and for all. Fresh, wholesome food is a reminder to your connection with nature. Try refreshing a picture of water with a few fresh cucumber slices and lemon. Or drink some stimulating peppermint tea. Make sure to include a balance of healthy food with daily aerobic physical activity. Buy a pedometer for you and your friend and rack up some steps together. It's always best to cross train and burn the extra fuel the holidays can bring and honor the natural balance of nature. Stay active mentally and physically for optimal health and well-being.

Recommended:

20 to 30% fat, from mostly monounsaturated sources like olive oil

15 to 25% protein primarily from vegetarian combinations like soy, legumes and brown rice

50 to 55% carbohydrates the majority from vegetables and fruits and high-fiber whole grains, the white starches are less preferable.

Try to eat a combination breakfast of fat, carbohydrate and protein and it will stay with you longer and aid you in consuming less fat later in the day. Protein helps to keep you alert, have a boiled egg and some whole grain toast with a piece of fruit in the morning.

Have a protein salad with plenty of greens for lunch and a brown rice stir fry with soy and veggies for dinner. This is just a sample day, but remember to snack on veggies and fruit between meals instead of the candies and cookies. Remember, everything in moderation- there is no bad food.

If traveling this holiday season try to drink plenty of fluids like water and cut alcohol and caffeine to prevent dehydration. Pack healthy snacks to stabilize blood sugars and resist airport fast food. Order low-fat meals on airlines while booking your flight. Avoid buffets and portion your food (even ask for an extra plate if necessary). Try to order appetizer portions or share dishes. It's always good to have a healthy bowl of vegetable soup before going to a party to curb your appetite. Try to book at a hotel with a gym and healthy food options.

Remember it's not healthy to obsess over every ingredient of every food you eat, or to think about your diet constantly-good nutrition should just be a foundation for people to pursue their real passions.

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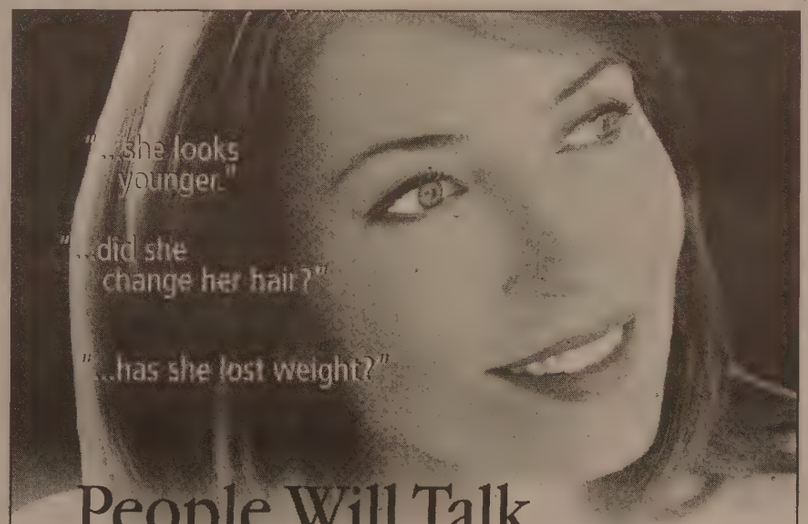

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Interiors & Exteriors

Deck The Halls: Christmas Trees And Outdoor Lighting

One of my favorite things about the holidays is the decorations: on the house, around the tree, over the lawn. It would never feel like Christmas time if there were no lights lining the streets and the homes.

This time of year, as the decorations get pulled out in wagons, I think about when I lived in Brooklyn growing up. There was one spot, where a few of my good friends lived, Mill Basin, which had the brightest, most outrageous and complex lighting designs I can remember. Every December, we would walk the streets in awe of some of the designs; Santa Clause, in his bright red suit, with all the reindeer, sitting atop a house, or a giant snowman in white lights, with the orange carrot nose and a colorful top-hat. In those days awards given to the best decorations designs. It was very competitive. But I do not know if they still do. Anyway, then I think of the National Lampoons Christmas Vacation and remember all the trouble Chevy Chase got into putting up his decorations and wonder how anyone got those lights up there in the first place, or how badly someone got hurt trying to.

For the last three holiday seasons, in Los Angeles, my friends and I had our own grand tradition; getting a Christmas tree and decorating it with Chanukah paraphernalia, then lighting up the house with blue and white Christmas lights. Seeing as I was the only Jewish guy in a house of three, my friends wanted to have a Christmas tree, but without making me feel alienated. What wonderful friends I have! What evolved in the three years we all shared the house was what we came to call Chrismakah. All around the tree was lined with dradels, big and small, mini-menorahs, and Jewish stars. And on top of the tree, instead of the usual bright star, was an enormous Star of David, carved out of wood and painted blue, that one of my housemate's parents made by hand. This year, as we no longer all live together, Chrismakah is no more, and there will be no tree decorating for me. But oh how I will miss it!

Instead this year I am dependent upon my friends to get me into the decorating holiday spirit. Last week, a couple of us gathered in Bay Ridge to help put up some outdoor lighting. It was not anything outrageous, just some lights along the doors and roof of the house and some cardboard snowflakes in the windows, but it reminded of the old Chrismakah spirit.

As a kid I played with the snow in a can. It comes out in spray form. Point the can towards the window, press, and presto! instant snow. It looks frighteningly to unsuspecting passer-bys. But it has some kind of funky feel to it, you cannot build snowmen out it and I would not recommend eating it either. It does keep up the holiday feel though, so if Mother Earth decides not to give us a white Christmas, well then, we can make it look like one anyway.

Snowflakes are probably the most common holiday decoration. They are easy to find and easier to make. Little kids do them all the time. Just take a piece of paper, fold it over as many times as you want and cut away. When you open it up you will find some kind of original snowflake design. It is a good way to keep your kids busy too. That is what my folks used to do anyway.

Most important however, are the lights. The lights will draw the most attention from passer-bys. Lights can actually be the most dangerous decoration also. Most holiday accidents happen while putting Christmas lights up around the house, inside and out. So whatever lights you choose to put up, make sure they are colorful, well set and eye catching, but also be safe doing it.

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Police Blotter

Some strange crimes were committed this week; some of them involving off-season hunters, others involving off-minded blunderers. Southampton Police officers had a tough time arresting an 18-year-old girl in Water Mill last Saturday. They arrived at her house in response to a domestic disturbance call and were met by a head-butting, cop-kicking, plain old nasty, young woman. She was put in handcuffs and arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and obstructing governmental administration in the second degree.

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A 36-year-old Sag Harbor man was arrested in Noyac last Sunday. According to police reports, the man's prior felony conviction (separate incident) suspended his right to possess a gun. When cops saw him on Round Pond Lane, he was in possession of a shotgun. The man was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree.

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An unknown criminal shelled out the violence last week. A Cedar Lane resident called police when he discovered that someone had shot at his house with a shotgun. According to police, six blasts from the weapon hit the Noyac residence, damaging the exterior of the house, the front door, a few windows and a big-screen TV. And if that much damage wasn't enough, the four tires of the resident's pick-up were slashed. Those damn Columbia House people never give up.

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Luckily this next guy wasn't in possession of a shotgun. A painter working at a Springs job sight was visited by a man he used to work with. Not to have coffee and catch up on old times, but to hand out some knuckle sandwiches and find out exactly why he was fired. Police arrived to calm the situation and told the man not visit the painter anymore.

* * *

Nothing is more exciting than being on the hunt, crawling through the woods on hands and knees, waiting in anticipation to stumble upon a trophy buck. Unless, of course, you prefer to drive along the road, blinding deer with a spotlight before you show ol' bucky what your dad's Remington 12-guage can do. A 25-year-old Southampton guy was booked after police found him "spotlighting" some deer on Scuttle Hole Road. When officers checked his record, they found "numerous prior felony convictions." He was subsequently charged with misdemeanor criminal possession of a weapon.

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A thief in Southampton is bound to have a warm and blurry holiday this year. He or she made off with almost $2,000 worth of wine and liquor from a Tuckahoe Road home. The resident said she was storing the bottles in her garage as a favor for her boss. The bounty included "11 bottles of wine, 12 bottles of rum, 12 bottles of gin, 12 bottles of scotch and six bottles of vodka."

–Written and compiled by Tom Haskell

Read the Blotter online @ www.danspapers.com

Dan's Letters

REAGAN WAS MUSLIM?
Dear Dan,

Although I'm sure I'm not the first to point this out, in your wonderful article, "Smack Iraq," you quote the Ayatollah Khomeini as calling America "the evil empire." This phrase was actually used by Ronald Reagan in reference to the Soviet Union. Khomeini referred to the United States as "the Great Satan."

Ed George
Via e-mail

Evil Empire, The Great Satan, it's all the same. –D.R.

JUST A GUY ON THE ROAD
Dear Dan,

I'm heading off on a trip around the world and in the course of my research about the places I'll be visiting I found this amusing web site that tells you how to say Merry Christmas in a bunch of different languages. I thought your readers might find it interesting.

Afrikaans: Gesëende Kersfees
Arabic: Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Armenian: Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand
Chinese: Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan
Croatian: Sretan Bozic
English: Merry Christmas
Eskimo: Jutdlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo!
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Italian: Buone Feste Natalizie
Japanese: Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto
Slovakian: Sretan Bozic or Vesele vianoce
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Happy holidays and I'll send you a picture of myself reading a *Dan's Papers* from six of the seven continents. Is there anything you want me to send you from abroad?

Chester Blinter
Man Of The World
(But Presently Mattituck)

Send me a Cuban sandwich. –D.R.

HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH
Dear Dan,

You think you're so funny writing fake articles all the time, but some people don't know that most of your articles are fake and there are times when you do more damage than good. After I read about the music concert that will have the train tooting in the middle of it I was amused but then realized it was a joke because, when you look at the time table for the Long Island Railroad, it's clear that the train will not go through the Hamptons at the same time the concert will be going on. I don't think the train even passes by the field where they have the concert but I have to check my map, so clearly it won't work. You are going to make a bunch of young people work hard and all for nothing. Yes, sometimes you are funny, but not this time. Some poor girl with a violin will be crying in a few weeks and then won't you feel bad? You should be more sensitive. And pay your employees more.

Slyvia Smith
East Hampton

The article is true. There will be a performance coordinated with the train coming through. There's an eastbound coming through Bridgehampton at 8:33 p.m. Monday to Friday and a westbound coming through at 8:05. –D.R.

WE LIKED IT, TOO
Dear Dan,

I really enjoyed the Who's Here on Arthur Shimkin by Lise Visser. It's amazing to go back in time and here about the life and career path that such a successful Record Producer took to achieve his goals.

Children will always love to listen to their favorite stories over and over again. From the beginning of Golden Records until today audiences still enjoy the same music that was so popular in years past.

It was also very interesting to get a little insight on the way Irving Berlin handled issues regarding the use of his music.

As one of millions growing up watching Sesame Street and listening and learning the songs, I have a great deal of admiration for the people that helped make it all possible.

Emma Panzenhagen
Via E-mail

Arthur shimkin has a wonderful life. –D.R.

Health (continued from page 55)

Understanding the basics of what your body needs to perform it's best is individual to you. Some comfort foods along with some healthy options can be the perfect balance this holiday.

Remember some great ways to De-Stress this Holiday:

Breathe Deeply: While lying on your back, place your hands on your belly and breath into it, feeling it fill up like a balloon. Breathe in slowly, hold the breath and breathe out for a count of 5 to 10 seconds

Get a massage! What a wonderful way to get rid of tension.

Stretch: roll your head in a half circle, drop your chin to your chest-then to the other side. Clasp your hands-invert them, then raise them above your head-following your hands with your eyes and stretch out your chest and the office slump!

Take a Bath: Light candles and get some nice aromatherapy oils and beg your family for some uninterrupted time.

Eat well: reduce caffeine and alcohol intake. It may leave you feeling more lethargic after the quick pick-me-up.

Laugh

Love

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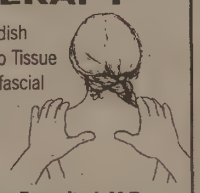
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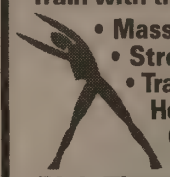
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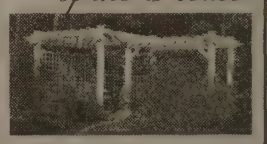
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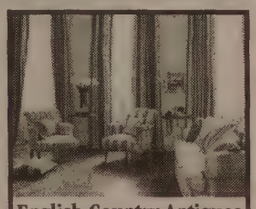
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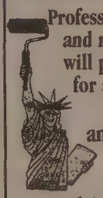
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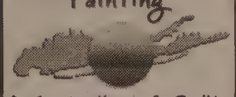
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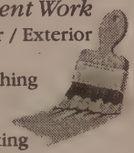
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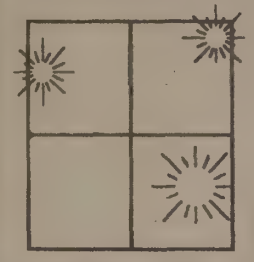

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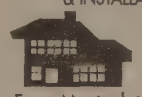

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26 Quogo Neck Lane
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Huckleberry Woods Lot 4 Corp to
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Campazzi to ARGO NAVIS LLC
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Arturi to REYNA, Claudio & Danielle
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Mc Goey to
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36 Hand Lane
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47 Hildreth Lane
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